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## Reform Jews Challenge Israeli Religious Party

Serious frictions have been growing beneath the solidarity that all three major branches of Judaism generally express toward Israel. One of the strongest challenges on Israeli religious policy by American Jews to come in many years involved a resolution, passed unanimously by delegates to the 55th convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, to "provide all means necessary for a judicial test of Reform rabbis' rights before the Israeli courts."

The current policy of the Israeli Government recognized Orthodox practices as the only official religion, and prohibits non-Orthodox rabbis from performing legitimate ceremonies such as weddings, funerals and conversions.

A spokesman for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations suggested that the test would most likely involve asking the Israeli government to accept a rite such as a wedding conducted by a Reform rabbi.

If, as is expected, the action were to be rejected as invalid, the Reform movement would bring the matter to the Israeli courts, according to the mandate of the resolution.

The controversy over Orthodox monopoly has increased steadily both in Israel and in the United States, where a

large majority of Jews are numbered among Conservatives or Reform Jews. Conservative and Reform Jews believe that Israel should approve the various expressions of Judaism in keeping with Israel's commitment to the standard of freedom and in recognition of the evolving pluralism of the faith. But Orthodox Rabbis insist that the Jewish state must be founded on a strict adherence to the 613 mitzvahs of traditional Judaism.

Reform Judaism continues to carry a "second-class" status in Israel, and as the union noted: "Reform rabbis can neither officiate at weddings nor conduct funerals for synagogue members. Converts accepted by Reform rabbis in Israel are not registered as Jews. Unlike Orthodox institutions which are supported almost totally by Government funds, our synagogues and programs receive almost no public assistance, although the major portion of funds contributed to it by Jews throughout the world come from non-Orthodox Jews." Shimon Peres, chairman of the Labor Party in Israel, drew applause when he pledged the backing of his party's leadership for "recognition of all streams of Judaism in Israel" and for allocation of funds to "religious institutions of all movements within Judaism."

## Carter Administration Unveils Massive Arms Aid for Arabs

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Carter Administration is unveiling a massive arms program for three of Israel's Arab neighbors that includes about \$3.5 billion in credits for Egypt, up to 200 tanks of the M-60 class for Jordan, and advanced munitions for Saudi Arabia, informed sources reported.

Arising from this preparation in enhancing U.S. military relations with the three Arab countries is an unanswered question: What plans does the Administration have for Israel in terms of additional credits, for economic and military support and the balance of power theory in the Near East.

Israel indicated early last fall that it needed about \$3.4 billion in overall U.S. assistance to help meet increased costs resulting from inflation and the growth of power on its borders. This assessment was ridiculed then in high quarters as unrealistic but the programming for Israel's neighbor's now indicates that the Israeli figure has practicality.

For the current fiscal year, Israel is scheduled to receive \$1.8 billion in economic and military aid. The military package for Egypt, which requires Congressional approval was informally presented to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at a closed meeting Dec. 5 by Harold H. Saunders, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs. Saunders reportedly testified that the Iranian situation made it more important than ever to support Egyptian President Sadat's government and weld a long-term security relationship with Egypt.

### Concern And Skepticism

His testimony was received with "concern and skepticism" by all of the committee's eight or nine members present, according to the informed sources. Senators present included Committee chairman Frank Church (D. Idaho); Jacob Javits (R.N.Y.), the ranking minority member;

Paul Sarbanes (D. Md.); and Joseph Biden (D. Del.), who have expressed themselves most strongly on the central theme that delivering such quantities of new weapons to Egypt would risk a duplication of the U.S. error in calculating the Shah of Iran would be a powerful and unshakably by supplying his government with huge arsenal.

Last year, the Carter Administration provided Egypt with 50 F-5E warplanes. This

## Police Charge Jewish Settlers With Attacking West Bank School

JERUSALEM — The latest in a series of vigilante attacks on Arabs by Jewish militants occurred recently when six Jewish settlers on the occupied West Bank smashed windows and fired shots into a school for Arab girls at a refugee camp. Formal charges were brought against the men December 12.

Palestinians witnessing the attack said that the men, wearing yarmulkes and speaking Hebrew, attacked the school at the Jalazoun refugee camp with stones and guns. They fired at least ten rounds, of which three were recovered, and smashed about 120 panes of glass. Two girls were slightly injured by the flying glass, none by the bullets.

Avram Saftiel, deputy commander of the police in the Judea district, said that accusations of unlawful entry and damaging property had been filed against the six men, although the names of the men were withheld. He did note that they have been provoked by children who threw stones at a car in which women and children were riding.

One of the teachers did manage to jot down the license plate of one of the two cars which the men allegedly arrived in, buy Palestinians in the area expressed doubt that the aggressors would be punished.

"They'll probably find them," said an unnamed Arab woman, "but they'll thank

them and ask them to do a better job next time."

Mr. Saftiel said that all six men were from the settlement of Shiloh, near the Jalazoun camp, north of Ramallah.

The incident is not isolated. Palestinians have been shot dead and wounded by settlers who usually carry guns for self defense. In the spring, two youths were killed in Halhoul after a rock-throwing incident and a student at Bir Zeit University was wounded by gunfire. In May, six Jews allegedly burst into a series of Arab homes in Hebron, on the West Bank, assaulted the occupants and smashed windows and furniture. Two settlers were later sentenced to prison terms of 10 and 7 months.

The attack on the school came amid rising tensions over the imprisonment and threatened deportation to Jordan of Mayor Bassam al-Shaka of Nablus, who was released last week after Israeli military authorities annulled the expulsion decree.

Most West Bank and Gaza Strip mayors who tried to attend a recent meeting protesting the relocation of the Jewish settlement of Elon Moreh were turned back by Israeli soldiers. Mr. Shaka and several others made it to the village of Deir el-Hatab, near a new site chosen by the Government after the Supreme Court ordered the settlers off private Arab land near Nablus.

## UN Votes Inspection of Israeli Nuclear Facilities

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) — The General Assembly adopted a resolution calling on Israel to "submit all its nuclear facilities to inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency" and urging all states "to take all necessary measures to prevent the transfer of fissionable materials and nuclear technology to Israel which could be used for nuclear weapons."

The resolution, sponsored by Iraq, was adopted by a vote of 97-10 with 38 abstentions. Israel and the United States were among the countries that opposed it. Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Yehuda Blum, denounced the resolution as nothing more than "a vehicle for the continuation of the anti-Israel political warfare conducted by the Arab states and their supporters in the UN." He emphasized that Israel "remains faithful to its commitment to prohibit and prevent the spread of nuclear weapons."

The resolution, titled "Israel's Nuclear Armament," appealed to all states "to put an end to any cooperation with Israel which may assist it in acquiring and developing nuclear weapons." Another provision strongly condemned "any attempt by Israel to manufacture, acquire, store, test or introduce nuclear weapons into the Middle East."

Blum, who spoke before the vote was taken, charged that the Iraqi draft resolution was based on hearsay. As far as Israel is concerned, he said, direct negotiations with the participation of all states in the Middle East "could contribute significantly to the implementation of a process leading to the establishment of a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone in the Middle Et."

Blum charged that "By avoiding mention of conventional weapons and by accusing Israel of trying either to acquire or of possessing a nuclear capability, Iraq has shifted into a safer area of slander where hearsay, rumor and speculation can be offered as 'irrefutable evidence.'"



RECEIVES AMUDIM AWARD: One thousand delegates and guests from North and South America were present when Samuel Berman, Providence businessman and leader in Jewish education received the Amudim Award at the 36th Annual Awards Dinner of Torah Umesorah, National Society for Hebrew Day Schools, which recently took place.

Pictured are Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky, left national director of Torah Umesorah and Samuel Berman.

# Obituaries

## ANN KRETMAN

CRANSTON — Ann Kretman, 63, of 25 Henry Street, a Cranston resident for the last 25 years, died December 13. She had previously lived in Providence.

Born January 16, 1916, she was a daughter of the late Lepa and Ida (Siegal) Kretman. She was a legal secretary for 30 years with the firm of Hart, Lark, and Lovell.

She is survived by a brother, Samuel Kretman of Cranston; and two sisters, Mrs. Clara Ackerman of Brooklyn, New York and Mrs. Edith Seeborg of the Bronx.

Funeral services were held December 14 at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial took place in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

## ETHEL GOLDBERG

PROVIDENCE — Ethel Goldberg of the Jewish Home for the Aged, died December 12. She was the wife of Morris Goldberg.

A member of the Jewish Home for the Aged, where she lived, she was born in Russia, a daughter of the late Abraham and Katherine Loeber and had lived in Providence for more than 70 years.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, Samuel Cohen of West Warwick; a sister, Mrs. Beatrice Freedman of Providence; a granddaughter and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held December 13 at Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

## HARRY I. PRIMACK

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Harry I. Primack, 81, of 999 N.E. 167 St., formerly of Providence, died December 14. He was the husband of Ella (Suslow) Primack.

Born in Russia Sept. 5, 1898, he was a son of the late Jacob and Lena Primack.

He was a self-employed fruit salesman, retiring about 20 years ago.

Besides his wife, he leaves several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held the same day from the Levitt Memorial Chapel. Burial was at Lakeside Memorial Park, Miami.

## ESIA FARBER

PROVIDENCE — Mrs. Esia Farber, 67, of 224 Oakland Ave., wife of Joseph Farber, died Tuesday at Roger Williams General Hospital.

Mrs. Farber was a member of Congregation Beth David-Anshe Kovno the Providence Hebrew Day School, the Providence Hebrew Free Loan Association, and the Chevra Kadisha.

She was born in Poland on Dec. 25, 1911, a daughter of the late Shebsha and Rachael Leah Young, and came to Providence 30 years ago.

Mrs. Farber leaves her husband and a son, Dr. M. Steven Farber of Boston; three brothers, Morton, Milton and David Young, all of Providence, and two sisters, Mrs. Bella Blankstein of Providence, and Mrs. Celia Rappaport of Brooklyn, N.Y.

The funeral service was held Wednesday at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

## JOSEPH GOODMAN

CRANSTON — Joseph Goodman, of 206 Bateman Ave., died Tuesday after an 18-month illness. He was the husband of Helen Goodman.

He was the owner and operator of the George Goodman & Son Co., a roofing and contracting company, until he retired because of illness.

Mr. Goodman was a member of the R.I. Horseman's Benevolent Protective Association; was past president of the Cranston Fraternal Order of Police Association and a member of the R.I. Retailers Association.

He was born in Providence, a son of the late George and Bessie (Silinsky) Goodman and has been a Cranston resident for 30 years.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, George Goodman of Cranston; a daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Wagner of Warwick; four brothers, Samuel, Karlman, and Harry Goodman, all of Cranston and Sidney Goodman of Warwick; three sisters, Sarah Price and Evelyn Cedar, both of Cranston, Gladys Zimmerman of Brockton, Mass. and a grandchild.

The funeral service was held Wednesday at the Max Sugarman Memorial Chapel. Burial was in Lincoln Park Cemetery.

## U.S. Terms PLO Role In Iran 'Constructive'

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The State Department drew a rhetorical line between "Palestinian terrorists" and the "Palestine Liberation Organization" and reported that "the PLO" is being constructive in connection with the 50 Americans being held hostage in the U.S. Embassy compound in Teheran.

In face of persistent and increasingly firm reports that Palestinians are deeply involved in the hostage-taking and blackmail, the State Department said that its information on who is in the Embassy compound is "very imperfect" and that it has "nothing to announce about their identities."

"We are in a state of ignorance about what is going on in the Embassy," Department spokesman Thomas Reston replied at one point during intense questioning by reporters. However, when he was asked if it is "possible Palestinians are in there," he replied, "sure."

### Captors No Longer Just Iranians

The questioning followed a CBS news broadcast that reported on the basis of work by "American intelligence experts" that the captors in the Embassy compound are "not just students and they are no longer just Iranians." Other reports had

said previously that "the Patriotic Front for the Liberation of Palestine" was involved. The PLO frequently dissociates itself from terrorist acts and allows segments of its organization to take credit for them for tactical propaganda purposes.

In the report by diplomatic correspondent Marvin Kalb in Washington, CBS said "When Washington raised the threat of military intervention" to free the hostages, "U.S. experts say an unknown number of Palestinian guerrillas joined the Iranians inside the compound and provided what is called technical assistance."

"CBS News has learned that it was Palestinians who mined the Embassy ground and walls and taken a direct hand in the security of the hostages. The Palestinians are still there, which explains why Arabic is heard while in the compound in addition to the (Iranian) native language, Parsi. The Palestinians who early on tried to serve as intermediaries are said to be playing both sides of the street — drumming popular support in the U.S. while doing Khomeini's bidding inside the Embassy."

When Reston was asked, at the opening of the questioning on this issue, about the

"participation by Palestinian terrorists" in Teheran, he replied, from prepared notes: "We have no evidence of it. We have no reason to believe the take-over of the Embassy and holding of our people as hostages is anything but an Iranian operation or that control over that situation is in anybody's hands but Iranian hands."

He added, "Palestinians in the past have, it is true, provided training for some Iranians since the revolution. As to the identity of any individuals who may be in the Embassy compound, we have no way of knowing who all of them are. We have no evidence of any current relationship between outside organizations and those occupying the Embassy compound."

## Joseph Wohl Dead At 69

NEW YORK (JTA) — Funeral services were held last week for Joseph Wohl, founder and president of the Jewish Theological Seminary, of America's Universal Brotherhood Movement, who died at the age of 69. For 27 years he had been a member of the Seminary's Board of Directors and in that capacity had chaired major committees in the areas of finance, development, real estate and building.

A major donor to the institution, he endowed scholarships in memory of his father, Abraham, and his mother, Yetta, in addition to major capital gifts to the Seminary's building funds. A resident of Old Westbury, Long Island, Wohl was active in many philanthropic activities. He was a founder and officer of the Long Island Jewish-Hillside Medical Center, a member of the board of the United Jewish Appeal, and of his synagogue, the Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation.

### Unveiling Notice

There will be an unveiling of a monument in memory of the late JENNIE SILVERMAN on Sunday, December 23 at 11:00 a.m. in Lincoln Park Cemetery. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

### Wording Is Challenged

Reporters challenged Reston's wording. They asked if he did not know "all" who are inside the compound, did he know of "some" and who they are. The State Department spokesman replied that he has "nothing to announce about their identities" and that "We are in a state of ignorance about what is going on in the Embassy." This response seemed to contradict reports and information that has been forthcoming from released hostages and non-American sources in Teheran.

Asked if the "PLO is continuing to play a constructive role" in the Teheran situation, Reston replied, "It is my understanding they are still trying to get our people out." Challenged as to why he specifically suggested that the PLO was constructive when the State Department has avoided identifying negotiators in the past, he said, "Maybe I made a slip." Reston said he had previously designated the French, among others, as helping.

## Moshe Koenig Dead At 75

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — Dr. Moshe Koenig, a leading figure in Orthodox Jewish circles here and for several years chairman of the Amsterdam Ashkenazi Congregation Council, died last week at the age of 75. He was born in Austria, studied at the Orthodox rabbinical seminary in Berlin where he was ordained and later obtained a law degree in Frankfurt. He settled in Holland in the mid-1930s. He never practiced as a rabbi but was active in Jewish communal affairs.

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# Notices

## SOVIET JEWRY BREAKFAST

The Academy of Jewish Studies of Congregation Beth Shalom-Sons of Zion will conduct a Soviet Jewry Breakfast on Sunday morning, December 23 at 10:00 a.m. The program will feature a secret film about Soviet prison camps filmed by prison inmates and smuggled to the free world.

The film, entitled "Prisonland," will be shown for the first time in Rhode Island and should be informative to people unfamiliar with the Soviet Union's restriction of human rights.

Reservations may be made by calling the synagogue office at 331-9393.

## GAME NIGHT

Game Night will be sponsored by the Jewish Business and Professional Singles Group (25-50) on Thursday, December 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

Players can participate in various games and strategies and may use the games provided at the Center or can bring along their favorites. There is no admission charge.

## GALA EVENING

The Rhode Island Jewish Singles, Inc. will sponsor a Gala Evening at the Sprague Mansion, 1351 Cranston Street in Cranston on Saturday, December 29 at 6:00 p.m. The evening will include dinner, music, dancing, and open bar. There is an admission charge for the event.

For more information, Beth may be called at 737-0919, Margie at 739-1419, or Larry at 942-5152. An RSVP is necessary by December 24. Proper dress is required.

## TO BUY LIFT

Friends of the Handicapped held a meeting on Friday, December 7 at the Four Seasons East. Mrs. Alfred Abrams, president, reported that the board has voted to buy a lift to be used at the Jewish Community Center Pool to aid handicapped people in and out.

The annual spring fund raising event will be held on May 7, 1980. More information on this event will be forthcoming.

## CHANUKAH DANCE

B'nai Zion Connecticut Singles Chapter #189 will hold a festive Chanukah Dance on Saturday, December 22 at 9:00 p.m. at Congregation Agudas Achim, located at 1244 North Main Street, West Hartford. Dancing will be to the music of the Melody Masters. Refreshments will be served.

Proceeds will go to the B'nai Zion Home for Retarded Children at Kfar Hashwedi, Jerusalem.

## CHANUKAH SPEAKER

On Friday night, December 21, Congregation B'nai Israel will hold its evening service at 8:00 p.m. Featured guest speaker will be Zel Levin, editor of the *East Providence Post* and *Seekonk Star*. His topic will be "The Current World Situation."

A discussion and Oneg Shabbat will follow.

## CLASSICAL CONCERT

On Sunday evening, December 23, 7:30 p.m., Temple Beth Torah will present an evening of classical music with Ludmilla Lifschitz, pianist, and Sophia Herman, violinist. Both are immigrants from the Soviet Union.

Mrs. Lifschitz played at the Leningrad Conservatory for 11 years, while Mrs. Herman played in the Leningrad Symphony for 10 years.

There is a donation asked and all are invited. For more information, Sam Greenstein may be contacted at home at 463-6848, or 785-1800 at the temple.

## Institute of Jewish Studies at Emanu-El

The land of Israel during the Mandate years, Jewish mysticism, the great Hazaniam, modern Jewish communities, and many other topics will be explored during the upcoming winter trimester of the Institute of Jewish Studies at Temple Emanu-El, 99 Taft Avenue. On five consecutive Tuesday evenings, January 8 through February 5, the faculty of rabbis, professors, and professionals from the Rhode Island Jewish community will conduct the study of Jewish history, literature, customs, language, and law.

The courses offered in Session 1, from 8 to 8:50 p.m., include: "Jewish Religious Practice: a Meal," "The Great Hazzanim," "Mothers and Sons," "Hebrew Ulpan: Intermediate," "Hebrew Conversation: Intermediate," "Purim Spiel," "Modern Jewish Communities: Balance and Change," "Reading Hebrew," and "Erets Yisrael: The Mandate Years, 1914-1949." The courses offered in Session 2, from 9:10 to 10 p.m., include: "Job: The Lord Out of the Whirlwind," "Chanting the Haftarah," "Revolution and Revival," "Siddur Reading," "Jewish Mysticism through the Ages," "The Search for Identity in the Jewish Literary Imagination," "Jeremiah," and "Change in Law: The Dynamism of Tradition."

Prospective students may register by mail or in person on Sunday, January 6, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon, at the temple. To obtain a course catalogue or additional information, one may contact the temple at 331-1616 or Rabbi Alvan Kaunfer. All courses are open to the general public.

## Men's Club of Temple Emanu-El Offering Classes in Hebrew

Starting February 11, 1980, and continuing for 12 weeks thereafter, a Hebrew reading course will be sponsored by the Men's Club of Temple Emanu-El for all members of the Temple family. The project is actually a crash program to teach Hebrew reading and the mastery of Friday night services to a maximum number of people in a minimum amount of time. Samuel Bresnick is Chairman of the project, Dr. Richard Kumins, Registration; Alan G. Hurwitz, Publicity; David Horvitz, Teachers recruitment and S. Samuel Kestenman, Budgeting.

Class will be offered five days each week (excluding Friday and Saturday) — during

## HOPE LINK MEETING

Hope Link #46 Order of the Golden Chain will meet at Doric Temple at 1237 Reservoir Avenue, Cranston, on Saturday, December 22 at 8:00 p.m. A collation will be served following the meeting.

Publicity chairman is Priscilla Miller.

morning, afternoon and evening sessions of the Students choosing and the goal will be reached in 12 two-hour weekly sessions. Students will have the flexibility of scheduling classes according to their own time demands. Attendance is required at only one two-hour class session per week for 12 weeks. Final registration day is February 3, 1980. By then the Men's Club hopes to enroll several hundred members who cannot read Hebrew.

Classes start on February 11, 1980, and will run for seven weeks. A Passover break will occur on April 1, 1980, and classes will resume on April 9, 1980, continuing for the final five weeks.

JERUSALEM (JTA) — All municipal services in Tel Aviv came to a halt when 10,000 municipal workers staged a 24-hour warning strike for not receiving their November salaries. Garbage was piling up fast in the city's streets. City hospitals and other emergency services operated on a weekend and holiday basis.

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# Schindler Questions Basis of Jewish Maternal Descent

TORONTO (JTA) — A revolutionary change in Jewish Law that would regard the child of a mixed marriage as Jewish, if either parent was Jewish, was proposed by Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), at the UAHC's 55th General Assembly meeting here.

Some 4000 delegates, representing nearly 750 Reform synagogues in the United States and Canada, heard Schindler call on the Reform movement to change the 200-year-old Jewish tradition that a child's religion is determined by the religion of the mother. He urged the validation of Jewish lineage through the paternal as well as the maternal line.

Schindler's proposal was rejected by both Chief Rabbis of Israel but hailed by a leading American Conservative rabbi. Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren told reporters in Jerusalem that Schindler's proposal was aimed at "the windpipe of Judaism." Its meaning was the destruction of Judaism. Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef said he was not surprised to hear such a proposal coming from the Reform movement. He cited the Talmud as saying: "The son born to a gentile, is likewise a gentile."

## Hailed As A Courageous Idea

Rabbi Harold Schulweis, of Encino, Calif., secretary of the Rabbinical Assembly, hailed Schindler's proposal as "a courageous idea that goes to the heart of the struggle for Jewish survival." Schulweis, who addressed the convention delegates on another subject, told reporters who asked him for his comment on Schindler's proposal that it "deserves the most serious study and consideration." He said the suggested change was "based on the reality principle — the growing intermarriage rate among young Jewish people."

For this reason, Schulweis said, "I believe the Conservative movement is morally and judicially bound to respond to the deep concerns of the Jewish laity on this matter as expressed by a serious and responsible Jewish statesman." Regarding the child of a mixed marriage as Jewish if either parent is Jewish also aims at overcoming "what amounts to a sexist distinction," Schulweis said, adding that "limiting the child to the religion of the mother is in fact discriminatory against the father."

"A child who is raised by a Jewish father who takes his or her father's name, who adopts the Jewish lifestyle and Jewish identity of the father — this child has a right to be considered Jewish and in such a case the religion of the mother is no longer relevant," Schulweis said.

## Intermarriage As A Major Factor

In his presidential address, Schindler declared: "The status of Jew should be conferred on any child, either of whose parents is Jewish, provided they both agree to raise their child Jewishly and do so." He called on the congregational, rabbinical and seminary bodies of Reform Judaism, in cooperation with the Conservative movement, to "initiate a decision-making process" that would lead to validation of Jewish lineage through the paternal as well as the maternal line.

A major factor cited by Schindler in urg-

ing the historic change is that the Jewish intermarriage rate is currently approaching 40 percent, with the "preponderant majority" of such marriages involving Jewish men and non-Jewish women.

"The right of these men to determine the religious character of their children must be secured," he said. "Here is still another way to make certain that our grandchildren will be Jews, that they will remain a part of our community and share the destiny of this people Israel." He added: "I want the child's rearing and ultimately his or her self-definition to be on a par with genealogical factors in determining Jewishness. And I want the genealogical factors to be paternal as well as maternal."

Schindler conceded that a "tradition standing two millennia should not be altered lightly" but he said that the circumstances which gave rise to that "time honored usage" no longer applies. The tradition of Jewish lineage on the maternal side only, he said, reflected a polygamous society in which the children of the various wives lived with their mothers.

"We no longer live in such a society, in part at least because in the 11th Century, Rabbi Gershom issued an edict that changed the Halacha and outlawed polygamy," Schindler said. The matrilineal tradition was reinforced by "brutal persecution" during the Middle Ages," Schindler said, when a "compassionate law" permitted children of women who had been raped to be considered as Jewish.

## Confronted With A Dreadful Anomaly

In the absence of such persecution today, Schindler said, "adherence to the matrilineal principle confronts us with a dreadful anomaly: the offspring of a mixed marriage, whether reared as a Jew or not, is automatically a Jew so long as the mother is Jewish. But if the mother is not Jewish, the child must ultimately undergo formal conversion even if he or she is raised as a Jew and lives in an intensely Jewish home," he said. "This is nonsensical, absurd."

Schindler said he also saw the issue as part of the "struggle for the equality of the sexes," a major precept of Reform Judaism. In this instance, he said, "we are trying to protect the rights of men." Citing rabbinic sources, he said that Jewish tradition provided "ample justification for a paternal as well as a maternal yardstick." He explained that "tradition invokes the God of our fathers in prayer. It rules that we be summoned to the Torah by our father's name. It reminds us that we live by Zechut Avot (the merits of our fathers)." Schindler also observed that in ancient Jewish Law, only the paternal line is held relevant in matters of inheritance and some aspects of genealogy.

For instance, he said, whether one is a Kohen (priest) or a Levite depends on the father's priestly claim and not on the mother's. "Thus does tradition offer a way to heal itself," he said. In urging the matter be studied by the Reform movement Central Conference of American Rabbis and by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of religion, as well as by the Conservative movement, Schindler acknowledged that "we must always be restrained by a reverence for the sensitivity of Klal Yisroel, the Jewish people."

# Dayan and Eban Debate Palestinian Future

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Former Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan does not expect the West Bank and Gaza Palestinians to accept the autonomy scheme, even if Israel and Egypt agree on all its details. Dayan made this clear in a live radio discussion with another former Foreign Minister, Abba Eban.

It is for that reason, Dayan explained, that he advocates the unilateral application by Israel of its part of the scheme, namely, the removal of the military government and redeployment of the army in "specified security locations." If Israel did this, Dayan said, and thereby ceased its involvement in the Palestinians' affairs, they might with time come to accept the situation (without formally endorsing it).

Dayan remained flatly opposed to the notion of an independent Palestinian state, now or in the future. He said he envisages the "permanent status" of the areas as a combination of local autonomy and political affiliation to Jordan. But this would not mean, he stressed, that Jordan could exercise sovereignty — either in the

West Bank or in Gaza.

Eban propounded his recently-adopted thesis in favor of a "Benelux-type" community to include Israel, Jordan and a Palestinian state. The basic issue, he said, was whether Israel wanted to continue ruling a million Arabs against their will. If it did not — and he certainly did not — then it must part company from them, and it mattered little whether they became part of Jordan again, or a separate state.

In the negotiations over the "permanent status," Israel's opening stance must be the retention of the Jewish settlements on the West Bank. But, Eban reminded Dayan, that had been the opening position with Egypt, too, "and yet you were unable to achieve it in the end." Eban said the negotiations must, at any rate, provide for Israel's minimal, vital security requirements; the retention of "security locations" and the demilitarization of the West Bank.

Dayan challenged Eban on this last point. If the Palestinian state were sovereign, it could one day throw out the Israeli "security locations." But Eban re-



## FROM FRIDAY TO FRIDAY

Giants of the Past

By BERYL SEGAL

Bruce Sundlun had his day of glory at the Israel Bond Dinner given in his honor. It was an elegant gathering, we are told, with so many celebrities, Jews and non-Jews, coming to honor Bruce Sundlun. There were two ambassadors, senators, governors, bankers, industrialists, the Mayor of the city, and Elizabeth Taylor, too. From all the accounts we have read and heard, it was a night to remember.

But to me the greatest event of the evening was when Bruce Sundlun told of his love affair with Israel dating back to the year 1948, when he was a pilot at the Maxwell Field in Alabama, arranging for pilots to fly to Israel to help out with the 1948 war. The second revelation was that although he was absent from Providence for almost twenty-seven years, he remembered names of people, now deceased, who apparently Bruce considers his inspiration.

For that we are grateful. He brought back to memory names of people whom we cannot forget if we are to take part in the life of the community. We must remember those who preceded us.

Mr. Sundlun was honored by mentioning a list of names who would have come to honor him, if they could.

Judge Jerome Hahn, the first Jew appointed to the judiciary in the state of Rhode Island, was a household name among the immigrants to Providence. He is best remembered for his purchase of the Roger Williams Well, situated on North Main Street, opposite St. John's Cathedral, and giving the well and the surrounding park to the people of the state, in memory of his father Isaac Hahn, who was the first Jew elected to a public office in the city.

Judge Philip C. Joslin, father of the recently retired from the Superior Court of Rhode Island, Judge Alfred H. Joslin, served for twenty-four years as president of Temple Emanu-El. He was among those whom Bruce Sundlun called giants of the past who built hospitals, homes for the aged, the orphanage, the Hebrew Educational Institute, now the Community Center, etc.

Joseph Smith, an attorney by profession and a Zionist by avocation. He was for several years president of the Zionist organization at a time when Israel was not as popular as it is today. He spent the first eight years of his life in Israel, then Palestine, and he carried with him nostalgic memories of the land. Joseph and his wife, Sarah, devoted their lives to Israeli causes. While he was active in men's groups, Sarah was an indefatigable worker for Hadassah.

Locally they were both involved in the Miriam Hospital. Joseph was on the legal committee for fourteen years and Sarah was busy at every function of the Women's Association of the Miriam.

Archibald and Ida Silverman, a couple who

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torted that West Germany today was a sovereign state, and yet was not at liberty to evict the U.S. army from its territory. The agreements providing for the U.S. presence did not contradict the fact of German sovereignty, Eban argued.

Similarly, he said, once Israel "parted company from" the West Bank, even if it ceded the territory to Jordan, it could do little to determine the subsequent fate of the area. The Palestinians might take over the whole of Jordan one day, or alternatively the West Bankers and Gazans might break away from Jordan and become an independent state.

## Seattle/Vancouver Soviet Plea Join for Rally

BLAINE, Washington (JTA) — Two hundred British Columbian and Washington Jews gathered in a driving rain at Peace Arch Park on the U.S.-Canadian border for the first international border rally for Soviet Jewry. The rally, planned by Seattle and Vancouver Women's Plea groups, was keynoted by Canadian Cabinet Minister for the Environment and Postmaster General John Fraser, and Rep. Mike Lowry (D. Wash.).

worked for Zion separately, both distinguishing themselves in their undertakings. Ida's travels all over the world for the Zionist cause were famous. She traveled as the vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, while Archie was called on to work for every organization in the community.

Archie was the first president of the General Jewish Committee, now the Federation of Rhode Island. All this time Ida travelled to Israel more than twenty times. She died there.

Alter Boyman would have been considered a poor man among the glittering assemblage for the Bond Dinner. You might say that Alter was a "competitor" of the Outlet Company. Only he carried all his wares in the back of his car, and an old one at that. But this customer peddler was respected and his advice was sought after by every Jewish organization, and their number was legion. He was vice-president and then treasurer of the Miriam Hospital. He was president of the Bureau of Jewish Education for five years.

But his greatest triumph was his Presidency of the Zionist Labor Party. It was Alter and two more people who originated the Passover Third Seder. During that Third Seder his group, whose influence was enormous in the community, initiated the campaign for funds for Israel. Alter also published an annual Passover Journal of which he was editor and in which he penned the great and the mighty. No Rhode Island History of the Jews can be written without referring to the Passover Journal.

Dr. Ilie Berger, a dentist whose clientele read like a Who is Who in Providence Jewry. He lived and breathed with Israel. Early in the life of the State of Israel he opened a Dental Clinic there at the Hadassah Hospital. During his numerous visits he brought with him the latest instruments and the skills of an American dentist. Visitors to Hadassah hospital can see the Berger Dental Clinic to this day.

This does not exhaust all the names which Bruce Sundlun, to the surprise of the gathering, remembered on that evening. And in remembering, those gathered were astonished by his selection as the "Giants of the Past."

The Talmud says that when a person passes on he does not take with him or her gold and silver and all the worldly possessions accumulated during a life time. What does remain after him or her are the good deeds, the work for humanity and for the community.

Bruce Sundlun, in mentioning them before that elegant assembly, brought back their memory, and did honor to himself.

They are almost forgotten in the community.



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Fraser, who has adopted a Soviet Prisoner of Conscience, said "To the degree that freedom of others remains impaired, our freedoms are threatened." He and Lowry emphasized the need for the struggle on behalf of Soviet Jews to continue until the Soviets guarantee free emigration. Both said the Jewish community could count on the continued support of the U.S. Congress and the Canadian Parliament.

# SOCIETY NEWS

## FRIEDMAN-GOLDSTEIN

On November 25, Carol Lynn Friedman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold I. Friedman of Jackson Heights, New York, became the bride of Ira Alan Goldstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Goldstein of East Meadow, Long Island.

Rabbi Albert Thaler and Cantor Joseph Kahani officiated at the ceremony at the Queensboro Hills Jewish Center, which was followed by a reception.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a sweetheart neck, white satin gown trimmed with alevion lace and sud pears on the sleeves, bodice, skirt onto the edgury of the train lace. She wore a lace cap with fingertip veil.

Ellen May Friedman, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The brother of the bridegroom, David Goldstein, served as best man.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs.

David Friedman of Providence. The bridegroom is the grandson of Mrs. Dora Goldstein of East Meadow, Long Island.

After a wedding trip to Acapulco, the couple will reside in Bayside, Long Island.

## SABER-ROZOVSKY

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Frank of Cranston announce the marriage of their daughter, Fay Adrienne Frank Saber to Lorne Elkin Rozovsky, of Halifax, Nova Scotia. The wedding ceremony took place on Sunday, December 16, at Congregation Shaarei Zedek in Saint John, New Brunswick. Mr. Rozovsky is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Rozovsky of Saint John.

Mrs. Rozovsky received her B.A. in political science, *summa cum laude*, from Providence College in 1973. She received her J.D. degree from Boston College Law School in 1976 and a masters of public health degree

(M.P.H.) from the Harvard School of Public Health in 1977. A lawyer, licensed to practice in Florida and Massachusetts, Mrs. Rozovsky has lectured throughout the United States and written on several topics in the health field.

Mr. Rozovsky received his B.A. degree from the University of New Brunswick in 1964. He earned an LL.B. degree from the University of Toronto in 1966. He is a member of the Nova Scotia Bar. For a number of years, Mr. Rozovsky served as the departmental solicitor for the Nova Scotia Health Services and Insurance Commission. He has written over 130 articles and four books on various topics in the health field.

Mr. Rozovsky is currently adjunct professor of legal medicine at the Dalhousie University School of Law and Medicine, in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. Rozovsky will reside in Halifax.

## Weizman Defends Israeli Army Reorganization

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Defense Minister Ezer Weizman strongly defended a plan to reorganize the army's ground forces under a single command and his appointment of Brig. Gen. (res.) Yisrael Tal as the commanding officer. He told the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee that certain adverse reports about Tal were "malicious rumors" and that while the plan itself and the naming of Tal aroused disagreement in military circle, "the army is not a factory and when a decision is made it is carried out."

The reorganization plan would place all front line units — armored corps, infantry, paratroops, artillery and engineering corps — under one command. Tal would have the mandate to improve the army's attack capability. Individual corps would be reorganized, accenting research and development in all fields of modern warfare with the objective of increasing over-all efficiency and reducing expenses.

### Plan Was Devised By Tal

The plan was in fact devised by Tal who was the army's top strategic expert and Deputy Chief of Staff before the Yom Kippur War. It encountered strong opposition at the time from the then Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur. Gur, who is presently a leader of the Labor Party, reiterated his criticism today and questioned Tal's competence.

He called Tal's appointment to the top post a "big mistake" and claimed that the general's performance before, during and after the Yom Kippur War had been unsatisfactory. According to Gur, there was no justification to recall Tal from "civilian life after several years of frustration" and put him in a position that made him a potential Chief of Staff. In Gur's view, there are a number of younger generals much better suited for the job. He acknowledged however that Tal was a very competent armored corps officer.

Tal, 55, has served as assistant to the Defense Minister for defense development and production matters since his retirement from active duty. In that capacity he was in charge of developing the Israel-made Merkava tank that was recently put into service.

### SON BORN

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Aaronson of 1514 Beacon Street, Brookline, Massachusetts, announce the birth of a son, Daniel Loren, on November 28.

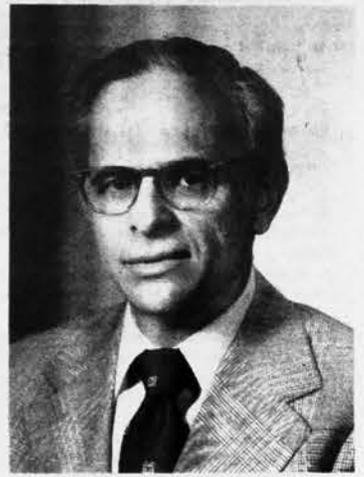
Dr. and Mrs. Abraham Saltzman of Providence are the maternal grandparents. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Aaronson.

Mr. Samuel Saltzman of Providence and Mrs. Helen Aaronson of Miami Beach, Florida are the great-grandparents.

## JNF Announces \$8.5 Million Goal

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Jewish National Fund of America announced the largest fundraising goal in its history — \$8,500,000 for its 1980 campaign year — to meet the "unprecedented need for land reclamation and development in Israel arising out of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty." Rabbi William Berkowitz, JNF president, made the announcement following his election for a second two-year term at a meeting of JNF officers. Berkowitz, who is also the spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, explained the JNF had been encouraged to set the record-breaking goal in view of its experience during the past years, which he reported had been "among the most successful fundraising years" in the 78-year history of the JNF.

"The mounting turmoil in the Middle East and the unrest among Arab nations places an even greater urgency on the need for a stable and secure State of Israel. The peace process between Israel and Egypt, and the continuing friendship of Egypt and the moderates of the Arab nations, is predicated on the strength and viability of the Jewish state," he said. "To help secure the peace, the JNF has launched the most extensive work schedule it has ever undertaken, to create new opportunities for living and working in the Jewish state. By cultivating and developing large segments of land both in the Negev and in the Galilee — for agricultural use, for population redistribution, and for economic development — the JNF is making vital and direct contributions in the building of a stronger and more secure Israel."



**NAMED ASSISTANT VP:** Harlan J. Espo recently joined Hospital Trust National Bank's trust and investment management division as an assistant vice president in the personal trust and estate section where he administers accounts.

Mr. Espo joined the bank's trust administration department last month after most recently serving as President of Espo and Company, Inc. in Pawtucket.

A Pawtucket resident, Mr. Espo received a bachelor of arts degree from Brown University in 1948. He is the first president of the board of directors of Hillel Foundation at Brown University-Rhode Island School of Design. He is a past president of the Jewish Community Center.

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# Kosher Meals and Hospital Costs

NEW YORK (JTA) — Observant Jews with New York area Blue Cross coverage do not have to pay for kosher meals when they are hospitalized but this exemption does not apply to patients with hospital coverage provided by other insurers, Julius Berman, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations (UOJC) said.

Berman said that most hospitals in the New York area do not charge for kosher meals, treating them as a special diet benefit under Blue Cross contracts. He said the problem stemmed from the fact that while only a minority of New York City area hospitals charge for kosher meals, that minority includes some of the area's largest hospitals.

He said that observant Jews awaiting discharge from hospitals charging for kosher meals should refuse to pay fees for such meals, which such hospitals list, along with telephone and television, as extras not covered by the Blue Cross contract. Berman said such Jews should get in touch with their Blue Cross representative to settle any difficulties that might arise from their refusal to pay for such meals.

David Merzel, the UOJC's community relations director, learned about the problem when observant Jews who had been cared for in three hospitals — New York University Hospital, New York Hospital and Columbia Hospital — had informed the UOJC that they believed their kosher meals should be considered among the special diets Blue Cross contracts cover, but that they had been billed for such meals during their hospital stays.

Merzel said UOJC officials contacted Blue Cross officials and learned that it was a common understanding that Blue Cross

contracts did cover kosher meals. He said Blue Cross officials agreed to issue a memorandum to hospital administrators, through the New York Hospital Association, when the association, which Merzel said had agreed in principle to inclusion of kosher meals as a Blue Cross hospital benefit, formally approved such a memorandum.

### Formal Approval Expected

Merzel said the hospital association board is scheduled to meet Dec. 17 and that a Blue Cross representative would be present as a member of the association board. He said no difficulties were expected in obtaining formal approval from the hospital association.

Merzel said he had been told by Blue Cross officials that a memorandum instructing all Blue Cross members hospitals on the matter was being delayed pending approval by the hospital association board because it was expected that such approval would help assure implementation of the policy in those hospitals which charge for kosher meals.

But Merzel stressed that observant Jews need not pay for kosher meals in any New York City area Blue Cross hospital and that Blue Cross officials had assured the UOJC that the memorandum to Blue Cross hospitals would be issued after the Dec. 17 hospital association board meeting, whether or not that board made formal its approval in principle of kosher meals as a diet option for observant Jews.

Merzel said that once the machinery is in place as a formal Blue Cross policy in the New York City area, the UOJC planned to seek similar commitments from Blue Cross units throughout the United States, as well

as with private insurers, such as insurance firms writing hospitals coverage policies.

Merzel added that many of the hospitals do not have kosher kitchens and provide patients, on request, with frozen pre-

packaged kosher meals — breakfast, lunch and dinner — with a variety of entrees, a package sealed and containing plastic cutlery to assure that both the food and serving implements are kosher. He said a half dozen firms produce such packaged meals which are routinely provided, on request, observant Jewish passengers on such common carriers as trains, ships and airplanes.

# Administration Urges Approval For Arms Sale to Saudis

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Carter Administration urged Congress to approve its proposed sale of sophisticated munitions to Saudi Arabia for its fleet of F-5 war planes, even though the package would give the Saudis superiority over Israel in some categories of weaponry.

The House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East and on international security and scientific affairs which received the testimony at a joint hearing, went into executive session immediately after an open hearing. The indications were that they would approve the package and submit it to the full House for consideration. The Senate also must approve.

Lucy Wilson Benson, Undersecretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology, testified that "the threat" from Soviet-dominated South Yemen and Soviet-backed Iraq "is real" and that "the munitions supplied would not have a significant impact on the balance of forces in the region." She also said that Soviet-supported Ethiopia and Afghanistan pose threats to Saudi Arabia's extensive resources.

"The situation in the Persian Gulf has become increasingly unstable and the Saudis perceive a more immediate threat from Soviet-inspired regimes in the area," she said. Asked by Rep. Jonathan Bingham (D. NY) if Saudi oil output is a factor in U.S. support, Mrs. Benson replied that it would be "a grave disappointment" to the Saudis if they did not get the munitions. She said "the threat" to Saudi Arabia would not come "today, but I don't know about next week."

### Current Proposals Outlined

Lt. Gen. Ernest Graves, director of the Defense Department's Security Assistance Agency, testified that in 1975 the U.S. sold 1000 laser-guided bombs and 3000 cluster bomb units to Saudi Arabia and a year

later, 850 air-to-air Sidewinder missiles at 1600 Maverick missiles.

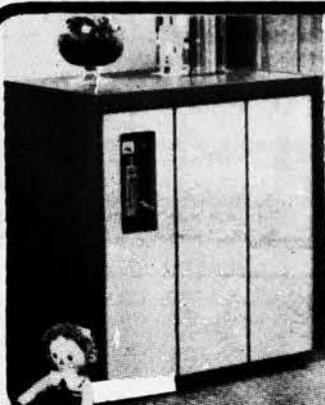
The current proposal is for 660 more Sidewinders and 916 Mavericks, 3435 laser guided bombs and 1518 cluster bomb units. Graves put the total value at \$120 million. Previously it had been reported that the sale would total \$200 million. Graves said the Saudi Arabia has 117 F-5 war planes and 6 F-15s for cover.

James Montgomery, Deputy Assistant Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, which reports to the State Department, testified that if the sale to the Saudis was approved, Israel, which he said has approximately 1000 Mavericks, would have 450 fewer Maverick missiles than Saudi Arabia. The sale would also give the Saudis an "inventory of 4435 laser-guided bombs compared to 1500 for Israel."

Montgomery said the proposed sale of Sidewinders and cluster bombs raises "no significant arms control concern." He said "Israeli holdings" of cluster bombs "are already of a far greater magnitude than the Saudi inventory" and that Israel's "inventory of air-to-air missiles — Sidewinders, Sparrow and Shafrir — quantitatively and qualitatively are superior to Saudi holdings."

Montgomery indicated that he anticipated that Israel would call for additional weapons in view of the sale to the Saudis. He said the cluster bombs sale "should not stimulate reactive Israeli purchases" but that the Mavericks and laser-guided bombs "can take on political significance, particularly where there is a large numerical imbalance."

He said the sales could be "used by the Israelis as justification" for requesting "compensating weapons." When Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R. NY) suggested that "We may be fueling another arms race," Montgomery replied, "that's a consideration."



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## Fund-Raising Campaign Begins For Temple Beth Am Expansion

An intensive fund-raising campaign begins this month and when it reaches its goal of at least \$350,000 it will result in the expansion of Temple Beth Am (on Gardiner St.) to accommodate a growing congregation.

A. Harvey Silverman (of Warwick), president of Temple Beth Am, said plans for the canvassing and the eventual expansion of the Temple have been underway for almost a year.

The enlarged congregation and the increased social, cultural and religious activities of the adult and youth groups within the membership have created a demand for use of the Temple's facilities.

Current expansion plans call for an increased capacity for religious services, more

classrooms and more and improved facilities for meetings and social functions.

The existing structure will be expanded, according to plans developed by the Temple's building and planning committees and its architect.

The expansion will be on the easterly side of the building which will be moved out toward Warwick Avenue. A permanent sanctuary will be constructed within the new addition with permanent pews for between 250 and 300 persons, enough to accommodate regular Sabbath services and certain special functions such as weddings, Bar Mitzvahs and Bat Mitzvahs. This sanctuary will be separated from the main social hall by sliding doors which will be opened during the High Holy Days to seat

nearly 900 congregants for services.

Eventually, the Temple's religious school will have additional classrooms and the offices and library will be relocated. A bride's room will be added and the currently over-taxed Temple kitchen will be expanded. The social hall will be redecorated to provide a warmer, more modern facility for social events.

A new chapel for daily services is included in the plans. The Temple holds at least one, and often times two, services every day.

Silverman said the initial canvassing of the members of the Temple's board of directors and officers and other key congregants has raised more than one-third of the goal.

"We now will appeal to the balance of the membership and the community at large to help us reach and perhaps even exceed the goal," Silverman said. "If we do exceed the minimum needed for the initial phase of the expansion, we will be in a position to immediately add other features to the building, rather than wait for a later time to do so."

## Madari Warns of Civil War in Iran

PARIS (JTA) — The second most powerful Iranian religious leader has charged that the new Islamic Constitution that grants absolute power to the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini would lead to the dissolution of political parties in Iran on the pretext that they were "Zionist" or pro-American and imperialist. Ayatollah Kazem Shariat-Madari publicly challenged Khomeini for the first time at a press conference with Iranian and Western journalists in Tabriz.

His statement was in reply to demands from pro-Khomeini clerical groups that he disband his independent Moslem People's Party. "The point I must make to you respectable gentlemen is with the present government's methods there is no need for the founders to dissolve the party. The government will gradually dissolve all the parties by labeling them as American, Zionist and anti-Islamic," Madari said.

"Therefore, he added, "do not worry about this . . . attributing to anybody or any group imperialism or Zionism can be easily done by controlling the mass media, but testifying to righteousness and justice is a very difficult thing to do."

Madari refused to denounce the anti-Khomeini uprising by Turkish-speaking Iranians in Azerbaijan province of which Tabriz is the capital. He announced that he did not take part in the referendum that approved Khomeini's constitution despite Khomeini's exhortation that it was the religious duty of every Moslem. He also warned that Khomeini is courting a civil war in Iran.

**News Agencies Denounced As Zionist**  
In Teheran, meanwhile, the official Pars News Agency issued a statement accusing Western news agencies of being "at the service of Zionism, imperialism and international trusts and, above all, America." The statement, headlined "May The Windpipe of Imperialism and Zionism Be Cut," charged that Western journalists "believe it is to be their main duty to act as the mouthpiece of international Zionism in exploiting and colonizing the oppressed nations of the world and the deprived of the

world in particular."

The Pars News Agency serves the Islamic Society of Pars. The statement, published in the Parsi language, called for a demonstration against Western news agencies. The demonstration was advertised prominently in the newspaper Islamic Republic, the mouthpiece of Khomeini's ruling clergy.

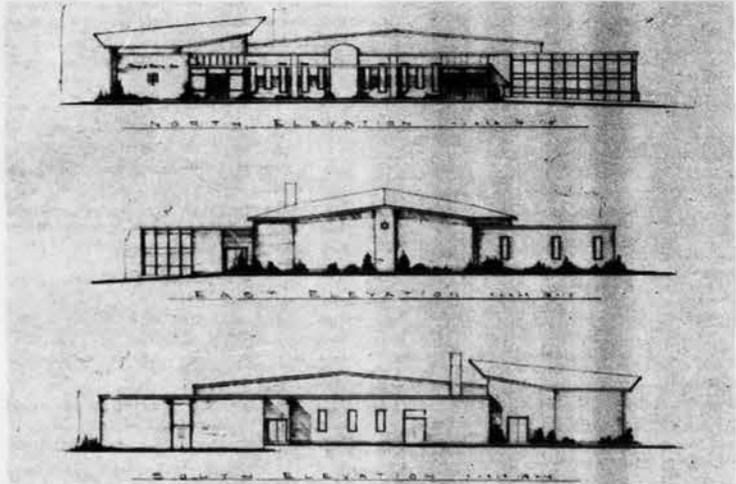
## Golda Meir Considered Suicide in 1973

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The late Premier Golda Meir was close to suicide during the early stages of the Yom Kippur War, according to a longtime political ally. Veteran Mapam leader Yaacov Hazan told a memorial meeting for Mrs. Meir in Tel Aviv that she had revealed to him, close to her death one year ago, that she had contemplated suicide because she could not bear the thought of her moral responsibility for the pre-war unpreparedness.

Hazan said Mrs. Meir had told him she fully expected to be exonerated of any direct responsibility "by any tribunal on this earth." Nevertheless, she could not forgive herself for not having followed the dictates of her instincts rather than the advice of her various ministerial and military experts.

She had been confident of ultimate Israeli victory, Hazan said, even during the worst moments of the war. But she felt — as she told him — that her own life had become worthless as a result of the pre-war catastrophe, and she no longer wished to live. Why, then had she not carried out her suicide urge? Because, Hazan quoted her as saying, she felt that to do so would be to weaken the resolve of the young fighting soldiers on the battlefield.

Hazan's revelation came a few days after a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report (from New York by Yitzhak Rabi) that Mrs. Meir, according to her sister, Clara Stern of Bridgeport, Conn., always carried with her a fatal dose of cyanide in case she was captured by terrorists.



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# Gary Shore — A Plunge Into Fantasy

By Nancy Spinney

Once upon a time there was a fantasy. And where the fantasy left off, Gary Shore took over. Using only a plunger for a prop, Gary Shore waltzed the audience through the inner vision of a day in the life of the Outcast. The outcast epitomizes mundanity, yet inside, his soul takes flight into fantastic realms which Shore reveals to the audience, sometimes subtly, sometimes hilariously, and always with an irony that strikes a cord of truth.

Playing to a full auditorium at Brown University's Faunce House, the Gary Shore Mime Theater began the evening's entertainment with Shore's sustained solo performance in "The Outcast." Shore quickly captivated the audience with his athletic grace and mutability of form which revealed his compelling talent as a mime. His movements, Chaplinesque and resonant with wit, convinced the audience of a reality as tangible as anything we can see or hear. Using a plunger as an unlikely and original point of departure, the Outcast escapes the janitorial doldrums of his workaday world. He runs the gamut from being a hunter to a surgeon, and the audience es-

caped with him. In one particularly striking sequence, Shore is both a hunter and his quarry, a bird. Miming the poetic flight of the bird, Shore portrayed an element of the hunt which left the audience reflective and moved. In the next instant, the audience rebounded with laughter as Shore performed a "plungerectomy" as a crazed surgeon.

And while each episode of "The Outcast" could stand alone, defined by the merits of motion, all work together as a whole; a larger statement which addresses itself to society as well as to the private workings of each individual.

Gary Shore was joined by co-star, Kelli Wicke Davis, for the second half of the performance. The agile and beautiful Ms. Davis performed in counterpoint to Shore in "The Music Box." A synthesis of battleground opposed by pristine fantasy, this sequence left the audience stunned by its surprising and ironic ending.

In the final sequence, "Marathon," Ms. Davis and Shore performed a modern jazz dance to the music of Pink Floyd. Both performers lulled the audience with their utterly controlled, hypnotic, and symbiotic



GARY SHORE

movements, a pleasing and provocative finale to an altogether creative evening of entertainment.

Gary Shore has studied in Paris, and has received acclaim for performances abroad, including the Edinburgh Arts Festival as well as theaters in the United States. He teaches mime at Clark University and guest lectures at many other universities in New England. Both Mr. Shore and Ms. Davis facilitate dance and movement programs at Rhode Island College. Those who saw these talented performers are sure to come back for more.

GENEVA (JTA) — The Swiss Palestine Friendship Association here collected 5000 signatures in favor of Swiss recognition for the Palestine Liberation Organization and submitted them to the Foreign Ministry in Bern.

## Soviet Students' Problems in Canada

TORONTO (JTA) — Soviet Jewish students in junior and senior high schools are misunderstood, ridiculed, disliked and made to feel unwelcome by their Canadian peers, according to a case study on the subject. The study, "Adaptation: A Case Study of Soviet Jewish Immigrant Children in Toronto, 1970-1978," written by Roberta Lander Markus, also states that according to their teachers, Soviet Jewish students often display violent behavior and uncooperative attitudes toward learning.

Mrs. Markus' 73-page study was sponsored by the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) of Canada Central Region. The Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation cofunded her project while the Secretary of State, which is a federal agency in Ottawa, assisted in its publication.

According to Mrs. Markus, who is fluent in Russian, "a number of Soviet children were having emotional, behavioral and learning problems, and in several cases Soviet students were unable to cope with the accumulated pressures of leaving their country, remaining in stateless transition for up to a year or more and trying to establish themselves in a culture alien to their way of thinking."

Teachers' reports indicate that the frustration exhibited by the students "were often manifested through extended absenteeism, violent behavior, generally uncooperative attitudes toward learning, hostile and aggressive relations with others, and other types of anti-social and destructive behavior."

Mrs. Markus spent two years on the study visiting 10 different schools — both those within the public system and those under the Board of Jewish Education. A linguist and political scientist, she interviewed about 100 of the approximately 200 Soviet Jewish students who attend Toronto junior and senior high schools, as well as parents and teachers.

She found that Russians are ill-prepared to deal with the Canadian educational system which is not based on rote learning as appears to be the case in the Soviet Union. Relatively few have Canadian friends and they feel unwelcome, unimportant and unwanted, Mrs. Markus noted. In the view of Canadians they are "Ruskies, cliquish, unfriendly, rude, violent and smelly. Some Canadians just said 'I just dislike them' without giving any reasons."

The Jewish students who were interviewed did not identify themselves as Jews but as Russians. Israeli students at the school are accepted because they are Western, and people have positive feelings about Israel, Mrs. Markus reported.

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## IN THE NATION AND WORLD

The Seventies was not an easy decade to characterize. It was a time of turbulence, of eroding U.S. influence and expectations. But it was a decade of striving and achievements as well. Following is a look at some of the people who made important contributions to shaping history.

By Kathleen Hart

# MARK SPITZ



Swimmer Mark Spitz swept the 1972 Olympics with seven gold medals.

Perhaps no one athlete has ever dominated the Olympics as did Mark Spitz in Munich in 1972. During those games he won seven gold medals in swimming events. He propelled himself through the water faster than some swimming coaches felt humanly possible.

Mark Spitz created a great deal of controversy, as well, however. He became a symbol for the American "sell-out," taking on the William Morris Agency to help him choose which money-making schemes would be most profitable. He sold merchandise on television, quit swimming, even for exercise, and put off attending den-

tal school.

Mark Spitz had been fortunate enough to receive an early start on his Olympic career. His father was a production engineer and wanted his son to become a champion swimmer. He was enrolled in a first rate swim club, won every race at the Sacramento YMCA's, and by the time he was ten had already set a U.S. record in the 50-yard butterfly stroke.

Following his sweeping wins during the Olympics, many reporters began to question Spitz as to why he agreed with Avery Brundage that the Olympics should have continued even as two Israelis had been massacred, and others were being held hostage? He was questioned also regarding his motives, and the ethics of his signing a \$5 million contract. As one columnist wrote: "Why should a human being who can swim 1/16th of a second faster through liquid than another human being be entitled to \$5 million?"

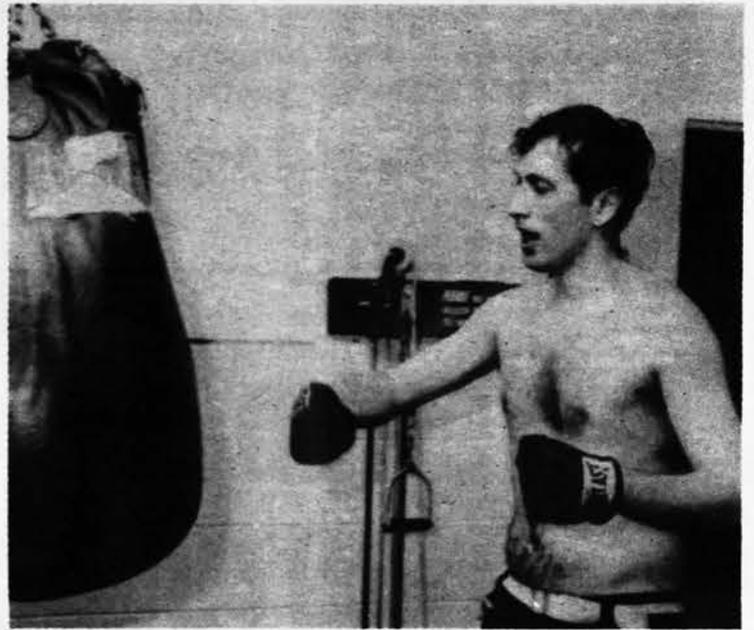
But the Seventies were years that would see cult heroes, sports fans, and criminals alike witness unprecedented stardom and reap millions in very short spaces of time. Most of the convicted Watergate co-conspirators made millions of dollars, and every year record contracts have been signed in the professional sports. Many of these "superstars," the over-night creations of People Magazine and similar publications, are forgotten just months after their brightest blaze before the public's eye. What is Mark Spitz doing in 1979?

# FISCHER

Backgammon has been all the rage during the latter part of the decade. Proprietors of neighborhood bars serve boards and dice along with drinks today. But earlier in the decade chess was king. The book publishers came out with dozens of titles geared at chess strategies; gift shops stocked chess pieces carved from wood, stone and clay; even grammar schools began to institute chess tournaments.

Fischer match which took place in Reykjavik, Iceland, in August of 1972 showed chess to be a game of psychology as well. The opponents alternated in rattling one another's nerves, arguing over who might sit in the front row of the audience, disallowing, then finally permitting television cameras, in every way imaginable trying to gain a psychological edge.

Spassky won the first two games of the



Bobby Fischer in training for his chess match with Boris Spassky.

The source of the craze? Bobby Fischer. Young, pimply, temperamental and haughty, Bobby Fischer captured the imaginations of Americans by taking the world chess title from Boris Spassky, the reigning Russian champion.

Chess has always been considered the game of intellect, with chess devotees sneering at any game of chance, games involving cards or dice. But the famous Spassky-

match, but was then defeated in the following three. Fischer then began a series of bold moves that brought terms like "Queen's Gambit" and Sicilian defense into headline print. Bobby Fischer, in so daringly capturing the title from a seasoned Russian player, provided a role-model for American grade-school children, and gave the U.S. ego a boost in the on-going ideological struggle with the Soviet Union.

# SINGER

In 1978 the Nobel Prize for Literature went for the first time to a Yiddish writer: Isaac Bashevis Singer. Born in Poland, he emigrated to the United States in 1935 after Hitler came to power in Germany. His first published writings appeared in the *Jewish Daily Forward*, presently the only Yiddish-language daily published in the U.S. He did not become widely read until after Saul Bellow translated "Gimpel the Fool" into English in 1952.

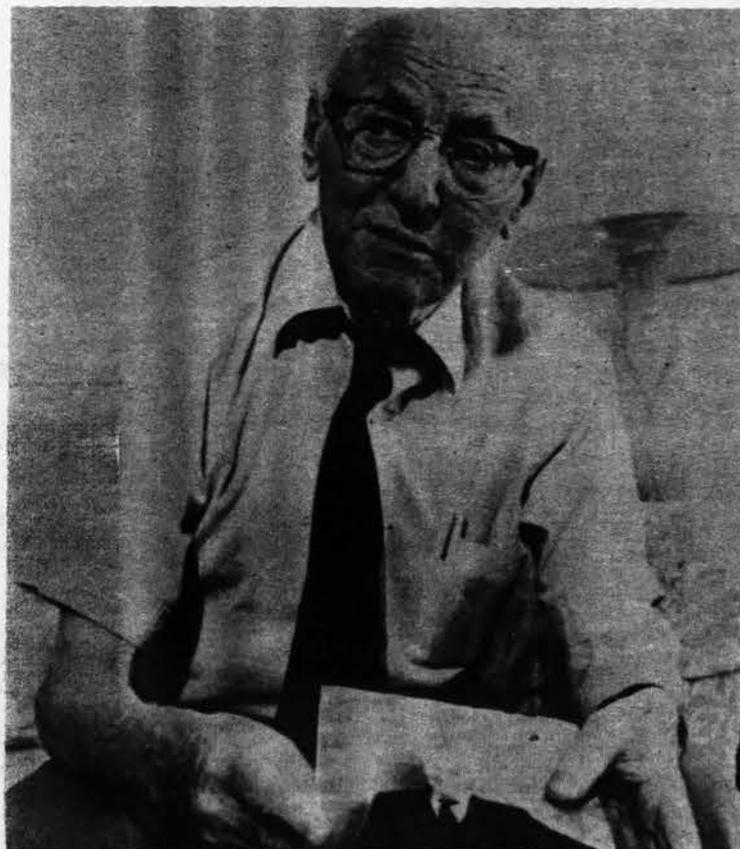
In talking about the necessary conditions for the writing of a novel, Singer stated as his third condition, after the idea and plot: "I must be convinced . . . that I am the only one who could write this particular story of this particular novel. Let's take for example, 'Gimpel the Fool.' The way I tell it, is a story which only I could write — not my colleagues or, say, writers who were brought up in English."

For Singer his Polish roots, the Jewish culture and the Yiddish language are important in every respect. Much of his subject matter concerns the lost world of Eastern European Jewry. *Shosha*, a beautiful novel published in 1978, follows the life of a writer through pre-World War II Warsaw, through the turning upside-down of all the characters' lives during the War, and finally to old age, where he meets and reminisces with another Polish survivor

in Israel. None of the people in this story could have existed outside of the environment and historical events which shaped them.

Singer, after receiving the award, called it a "victory for Yiddishism and for those who love this language." The Academy, upon making the presentation, also felt that their tribute was to a culture and way of life that Singer had reawakened, declaring: "it is the world and life of East European Jewry, such as it was lived in the cities and villages, in poverty and persecution, and imbued with sincere piety and rites, combined with blind faith and superstition."

Singer has always felt, too, that literature is primarily a form of entertainment. As such, he believes that all good novels should include a love story; they should eschew the many "isms" of science, sociology and psychology; and they should paint real and lively characters. "The writers who don't discuss character," said Singer, "but problems — social problems or any problems — take away from literature its very essence. They stop being entertaining. We, for some reason, always love to discuss and discover character. This is because each character is different, and human character is the greatest of puzzles. Discussing character constitutes a supreme form of entertainment."



Isaac Bashevis Singer: The first Yiddish writer to receive the Nobel Prize.

# SAUL BELLOW

When, in the perpetual darkness of a Stockholm winter, 1976, Saul Bellow, wiry, sharp-faced Chicago sage, accepted the Nobel Prize for literature, a prophecy was fulfilled, and a promise was made. The prophecy was John Steinbeck's.

Steinbeck had won this most prestigious of international prizes, and he had written a note to his friend and fellow-writer Saul Bellow saying that he, Bellow, "was next" and, sure enough, Steinbeck was right. Bellow's early talents — talents manifested in *The Dangling Man*, *Seize the Day*, and *The Adventures of Augie March* — not only contributed to the "Jewish Renaissance" that dominated the novel in the fifties and sixties, but foreshadowed a career of excellence whose product, in the 1970's, would be three extraordinary books: *Mr. Sammler's Planet* (1970), *Humboldt's Gift* (1975), and *To Jerusalem and Back* (1976). Add *Herzog*, published in the early sixties, and you have the material reasons for the Nobel honors; for the deeper, one must say spiritual, reasons, one has only to refer back to the books themselves and to the promise contained in the speech that Bellow delivered upon receipt of his prize.

"(The novel) is a sort of latter-day lean-to, a hovel in which the spirit takes shelter.

A novel is balanced between a few true impressions and the multitude of false ones that make up most of what we call life. It tells us that for every human being there is a diversity of existences, that the single existence is itself an illusion in part, that these many existences signify something, tend to something, fulfill something; it promises us meaning, harmony, and even justice." And where, one may ask, is the promise in this? Precisely here: Bellow promises to take seriously an immensely influential, and easily degraded, vehicle for the expression of the "essence of our real condition." Bellow, like Conrad, like Proust and Tolstoy, sees the composition of fictional works as a moral act; "under the wreckage of many systems" we search for coherence and the novelist, Bellow promises us, has the power to give impetus and direction to this search." Art attempts to find in the universe, in matter as well as in the facts of life, what is fundamental, enduring, essential."

Bellow's own art is deeply moral; he faces all of the difficult issues. His characters run, or stumble, through a variety of contemporary labyrinths; they are restless, wry, neurotic, self-effacing, garrulous; they have unforgiving memories, unrelenting con-



Saul Bellow earned the Nobel Prize in 1976, fulfilling John Steinbeck's prophecy.

sciences, and unsuccessful relationships. Think of Herzog, absurdly decked out in Palm Beach lounging duds, scrawling notes to Nietzsche and FDR on the train to Martha's Vineyard; or bloated Humbolt munching on a pretzel and weaving complicated fantasies of persecution; or bushy-browed Sammler lecturing an auditorium full of radicals on the life and times of H.G. Wells. Well-intentioned and far from "heroic," these representatives of the modern mood journey (always in Bellow there is a rhythm of frantic movement followed by long, introspective periods of

calm) through cities and jungles and ruins in search of this center that Bellow speaks of as being "fundamental, enduring, essential."

Needless to say, they don't often find what they are looking for. Herzog finally shuts up. Humbolt drops dead and Charlie Citrine buries him. Sammler loses a friend. Nothing is resolved, but, after all, how can it be? The stakes Bellow's characters play for are too high to allow for definitive wins or losses. They look for a mode of life that will make sense in a world that often doesn't; no wonder, then, that the books in which they live are open-ended, no wonder that the processes, the journeys themselves, are more important than the inconclusive resolutions. Bellow's work — and this is true of his own "journey" book, *To Jerusalem and Back* — shows the attentive reader the significances of a "diversity of existences," and it sketches the contours of one man's version of the moral life. But, in Bellow's own words, "the essence of our real condition, the complexity, the confusion, the pain of it, is shown to us in glimpses." What does Herzog do when he gets up from the couch? Where does Citrine go in the early spring of *Humboldt's Gift*, what does Bellow himself come to understand about Jerusalem once he is "back?" We don't know, and cannot know. But, and here is what the 1976 Nobel Laureate had ultimately to tell us, what is valuable in literature are these glimpses of our "real condition," and "our connection with the depths from which these glimpses come."



Woody Allen and Diane Keaton

# WOODY ALLEN

Woody Allen, who always enjoyed a limited but devoted audience, grew in popularity during the Seventies. To real Allen devotees, his every shrug of the shoulder, each one-line quip and jab, causes laughter. He is the comedian *par excellence* of the psychoanalytic times in which we live. His joys, loves, sorrows and jokes all revolve around neurosis. He is also the satirist of the urban, East Coast intellectual. And, incongruous as it might seem, given his frail build, his sad, bespectacled eyes, and his diffident approach, Woody Allen was also voted one of the world's ten sexiest men!

His autobiographical film *Annie Hall*, which chronicles his love affair with actress Diane Keaton, won him the Academy Award for best director in 1977. Born Allen Stewart Konigsberg in 1935, Allen's first movie job as writer and actor came in 1964 with the film "What's New Pussycat?" Although the film has never pleased Allen, it was a great commercial success, grossing \$17 million, more than any previous comedy.

His films of the early Seventies included, *Bananas*, *Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex*, *Play It Again Sam* and *Sleeper*. After a three-year hiatus he began coming out with films that extended his material beyond the purely comic. *Love and*

*Death*, made in 1976, satirized the Marxist-neurotic-high-brow-urban intellectual; *The Front*, also made in 1976, dealt with the black-balling of the McCarthy era. *Annie Hall* combined bitter-sweet and touching reminiscences with the best of Woody Allen's humorous style.

*Interiors*, which came out in 1978, represented a complete departure from Allen's comic style. A few reviewers actually thought it must have been intended as a spoof of Ingmar Bergman, so similar were the stage sets and the symbolism to many of Bergman's most depressing and emotional films. Woody Allen speaks often of the necessity of continuing to grow and experiment in one's work. He hopes eventually to be able to create tragedies.

"It's very important that there's a certain amount of stuff one fails with," he explained in a New York Times interview. "If you're succeeding too much, you're doing something wrong."

In Manhattan, Allen's latest film, he settled into a slightly more serious tone, without sacrificing the humor that is so valuable, so life-affirming. Allen, by laughing at his own neuroses, by mocking his "heaviest" emotions, helps his audience to put their own petty concerns into a healthier perspective.

# ELLSBERG

On June 13, 1971, *The New York Times* began to publish texts of secret Vietnam war documents taken from a multivolume compendium which had been prepared by the Department of Defense. The Pentagon Papers, as they came to be known, described the U.S. involvement in Vietnam through 1968.

Daniel Ellsberg, a former Pentagon analyst and Rand Corporation consultant, leaked these famous papers, and in so doing

became a symbol for the growing anti-war movement in the United States. "I felt as an American citizen, a responsible citizen, I could no longer cooperate in concealing this information from the American people," he stated, upon surrendering to U.S. marshalls. He was charged by the Government with espionage.

The Nixon administration had sought a restraining order from the courts to force *The New York Times* and other newspapers

to halt the printing of the Pentagon Papers, but the Supreme Court upheld the rulings of lower courts, rejecting the argument that the future of American foreign policy might be endangered by revelations of the history of Vietnam up through the Johnson administration.

Daniel Ellsberg was to be acquitted a year later in his own trial, but his leak to the press had been the impetus of the Nixon administration to form what was called the "Plumbers Unit." The group, headed by David Young, a close Kissinger associate, and composed also of Gordon Liddy and Howard Hunt, was to become famous for their break-in at the National Democratic

Headquarters in the Watergate Hotel.

One of the first missions of the Plumbers Unit (so named in reference to "plugging up leaks") was to obtain and examine Ellsberg's medical files from the period during which he was undergoing psychoanalysis with Dr. Fielding. On the evening of September 3rd, Hunt, Liddy, and three Cuban compatriots broke into Dr. Fielding's Los Angeles office and photographed medical files.

While members of the White House had hoped to obtain information to help start a smear campaign against Ellsberg, they failed, and in fact contributed one more illegal activity to their growing list of immoral and unprofessional undertakings.

# KISSINGER



Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho, who were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for their years of effort in peace negotiations.

Henry Kissinger has been called a power-hungry Dr. Strangelove; he has been termed duplicitous and deceitful; and he has been heralded by many, including the Nobel Peace Prize committee, as a dedicated, peace-seeking patriot. He remains one of the most controversial and celebrated diplomatic figures in recent U.S. history. For the first half of the decade Kissinger sat in the seat of the second most powerful man in the world, making foreign policy recommendations and decisions for both Presidents Nixon and Ford.

The Kissinger family fled from their home in Furth, Germany in August of 1938, just three months before Chrystal Night. Henry was then fifteen years old. He became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1943. During his swearing-in ceremony as the fifty-sixth Secretary of State in September of 1972, his voice cracked with emotion as he said: "There is no country in the world where it is conceivable that a man of my origin could be standing here next to the President of the United States."

Numerous books have been written on Kissinger, ranging in tone from the hero-worship of Marvin Kalb and Bernard Kalb's *Kissinger*, to the indictment of Roger Morris' *Uncertain Greatness*. Kissinger, despite the swinger-image, the many audiences with the press, and years in the spotlight of superstars, always kept his inner self, his real motivations hidden. His face was typically sphinx-like, and his often romantic or wryly humorous self-appraisals were contradictory as to create a chimeric myth rather than a character portrait.

His accomplishments, however, are recorded in the archives of history and as such are indisputable. He flew on several

secret missions to China, breaking ground for President Nixon's historic visit there in February of 1972. He initiated secret approaches to North Vietnamese Le Duc Tho in Paris as early as 1970, while he was still the head of the National Security Council and Rogers was Secretary of State. He developed many of the ideas and strategies that made SALT, the first arms limitation agreement, possible.

His skill at negotiation, and his amazing charisma brought concessions from the Arab nations during the course of his frequent "shuttle diplomacy," from Brezhnev during the SALT talks, from China, and from the U.S. Congress. He shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 1973 with Le Duc Tho, for their arduous negotiations on a Vietnam peace.

But in addition to being a prime mover in many of the most laudatory U.S. forays into foreign policy, he was also implicated in all the fiascos of the Nixon administration. His famous "peace is at hand" press conference speech in October of 1972 was followed by the heaviest U.S. bombing blitz in North Vietnam; his paranoia over leaks, following the publication of the Pentagon Papers, caused him to initiate the formation of the White House "Plumbers Unit." The secret war in Cambodia, the devastation and ultimate futility of the Vietnam War and his successful removal of many of the checks and balances previously exercised over the presidency, left Americans a legacy of mistrust and isolationistic leanings that are still with us as we enter the Eighties. It will remain the task of future historians to balance the ledger sheet on Kissinger, one of the most powerful and influential men in modern U.S. history.

# BEN-GURION

In 1969 he retired from the Knesset to devote himself to writing his memoirs. During one of his last public appearances, six months before his death, he was asked what he felt was missing from the numerous and inspiring achievements of his lifetime. He replied, "Three things. Another five or six million Jews; people ready to live, cultivate, and build in the desert; and peace with the Arabs."

In late 1973, David Ben-Gurion, founding father and first Prime Minister of the State of Israel, died at the age of 87 following a cerebral hemorrhage. In his many years in power Ben-Gurion had made many enemies, and engendered his own share of critics, but with his death, all Israelis joined in a warm eulogy for the man who had helped make Israel possible.

Born in Poland in 1886, Ben-Gurion founded a Socialist Zionist group in Warsaw at the age of 17. From 1918 to 1939 he lived in Tel Aviv, and became the acknowledged head of the Labour Party. He worked hard in support of the "Biltmore Programme," adopted by the American Zionists in their demand for the creation of a Jewish State in Palestine.

Ben-Gurion was Prime Minister from May of 1948 to December, 1953. At that time he announced to his countrymen that

he was "spiritually weary" and wanted to give up office and refresh himself by leading a simple life. He did not remain in seclusion in Sdeh Boker, however, and in 1955 resumed the Ministry of Defense. He remained an important political force in the nation, and despite dissension over many of his domestic policies, he was always an important voice in regard to Israeli security and borders.



Golda Meir and David Ben-Gurion, Israel's matriarch and patriarch.

# GOLDA MEIR

In December of 1978 the world lost one of its most memorable women: Golda Meir. Born Golda Mabovitch in Kiev, Russia in 1898, and married to Morris Meyerson at the age of 19, Golda took on the Hebrew name Meir at the suggestion of Ben-Gurion; Meir means "light-giver."

Mrs. Meir was known variously for her sharp tongue, her good-humored wit, her stubborn will and her deep emotions. After appointing Henry Kissinger to the post of Secretary of State, Richard Nixon had boasted to her that both the U.S. and Israel now had Jewish foreign ministers. She replied with a grin, "Yes, but mine speaks English."

Although Mrs. Meir's relationship with Kissinger was rocky, he admired her, calling her a "woman of steel," who could always be counted upon to deliver the Cabinet votes once she had taken a decision.

Golda Meir was one of the founders of

the State of Israel and its fourth Prime Minister. She had served as Foreign Minister under Ben-Gurion, and took over the post of Prime Minister following the death of Levi Eshkol in 1969. Although she had always been against the idea of fighting "terror with terror," a point of contention between herself and Menachem Begin, she was not reluctant to send retaliatory missions against suspected Palestinian guerrilla bases. One such raid was ordered in 1972, immediately following the massacre of Israelis at the Munich Olympics, when Israeli Phantom jets attacked bases deep into Lebanon, and shot down Syrian jet fighters over the Golan Heights.

The surprise attack of the Arabs as they mounted the Yom Kippur War in 1973 took a terrible toll of lives of Israeli soldiers, and Golda resigned from office in 1974 a deeply troubled woman.

From the time she was a teenager, Golda had followed in the steps of her older sister in her dedication to the creation and protection of the State of Israel. She spent years at a stretch fundraising on behalf of the young nation. She raised so much money for armaments during the year of independence that Ben-Gurion said of her: "Someday, when our history is written, it will be said that there was a Jewish woman who got the money that made the state possible."

Golda Meir died at the age of 80 from jaundice caused by cancer of the lymph glands. Following her death, her doctors revealed the secret that Mrs. Meir had suffered from cancer for fifteen years, undergoing weekly treatments of radiation and chemotherapy.

She had always hoped that peace would one day come to Israel, but she only wanted a peace based upon strength. Prior to the Holocaust Golda had said at a press conference: "There is only one thing I hope to see before I die, and that is that my people should not need expressions of sympathy anymore."

# MUNICH 1973 WAR

Terrorism became a household word during the decade of the Seventies. While not previously an unknown phenomenon in the history of mankind, it became widespread and took its most blood-curling forms during recent years. Any kind of warfare is terrible. But in conventional war, and even in guerrilla warfare, there are agreed upon conventions of behavior. The murder of millions of Jewish and Russian civilians by the Germans during World War II resulted in trials for war criminals.

According to the State University of New York's Institute for Studies in International Terrorism, there were 6,294 incidents recorded between 1970 and 1979. Plane hijackings, the kidnapping of businessmen in foreign countries, the taking of hostages and the planting of bombs have taken their toll in innocent lives throughout the Seventies.

But of all the terrorist incidents, perhaps none was more shocking or saddening than the massacre of the young Israeli athletes during the Munich Olympics in September of 1972. It was before dawn on September 5th, when eight terrorists belonging to the Black September faction of the Fatah made their way unchallenged through the easy security of the Olympic grounds, and climbed to the second-story building housing the Israelis.

The ordeal of terror, which lasted for some nineteen hours, resulted in seventeen deaths: eleven Israelis, five of the Arab terrorists, and one German policeman. The impact of the deaths of the young Israelis was made worse for friends and relatives in



The hooded spectre of terrorism entering the Israeli building at the Munich Olympics.

Israel, because in the evening, the news media incorrectly reported that all the Arabs had been shot and the hostages had miraculously escaped. Following that inexplicable blunder, a radio announcer in Jerusalem jubilantly shouted, "Our people are safe — safe!" Golda Meir poured brandy for her advisers and called out the traditional toast, L'chaim.

The initial demands of the Black September had included the release of 200 Palestinians imprisoned in Israel. The Israeli government refused, and in consultation with the German officials, encouraged a direct, armed assault on the terrorists. Unfortunately the Germans bungled in their attempt to shoot the Palestinian terrorists before they had an opportunity to strike back at the hostages, and all of them were killed.

On the morning of October 6, 1973, Golda Meir received the information that Egypt and Syria were in the final hours of a countdown for war. Following both her intuition and the advice of Henry Kissinger, the Prime Minister decided that Israel would accept the first attacks. Her decision reversed twenty-five years of Israeli military strategy which had been based upon quick, bold, surprise strikes.

U.S. advisers, Golda Meir, and the Israeli cabinet all assumed that Israel would be able to swiftly repel the Arabs, and Kissinger, in particular was hoping, until the last moment, that the Soviet Union would act on behalf of detente, discouraging the Arabs from attacking. Everyone was wrong, however, and the 1973 War, while concluded victoriously, took heavy tolls on the morale and the economy of Israel.

In their fourth war with the Arabs since the founding of Israel in 1948, the Israeli soldiers encountered a new breed of Arab soldier — one who fought hard and did not retreat easily. The Arabs were bent upon restoring their pride after the humiliating

defeat of the 1967 Six Day War, and much blood was shed on both sides. The Israeli toll for the first week alone was put at 600 dead and 3 million wounded. Syrian and Egyptian casualties for that first week were estimated at 12,000 dead and wounded.

In the first days of the War, one Syrian tank force pushed 23 miles behind Israeli lines; both the Egyptians and the Syrians were well equipped with Soviet SAM-6 missiles. Israeli losses of Phantoms and Skyhawks were higher than anyone would have thought possible.

Before a cease-fire was finally agreed upon between the warring countries and the United States and Soviet Union, the United States had declared a third degree military alert, and a confrontation involving the super powers was narrowly averted.

The status quo in the Middle East was altered permanently by the War of 1973. Following that war, oil became used as a weapon against the Western economies; inflation in both the U.S. and Israel became prevalent. Not until Sadat's peace initiative to Israel in 1977, was there to be any easy breathing in the region.

## CAMP DAVID

On November 9, 1977, President Anwar Sadat delivered a speech before the Egyptian Parliament in which he announced his intentions to "go to the ends of the earth . . . even to the Knesset in Jerusalem to discuss peace with Israel."

And so, on Saturday, November 19, President Sadat arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport, where he was received by a full State reception. His first visit included a special session of the Knesset, and talks with Prime Minister Begin and other Israeli leaders.

Sixteen months of difficult negotiations were to occur, before, unable to break any deadlocks or make further process, the two leaders agreed to come to Camp David in Maryland, to engage in a three way summit with President Carter. In September of 1978 a framework for peace emerged, and by the middle of March in 1979 an agreement had finally been settled upon.

In a historic ceremony on the White House Lawn in Washington, D.C., Begin and Sadat signed the Peace Treaty, as witnessed by President Carter. The treaty provided for complete normalization between the two nations, the return of the entire Sinai peninsula to Egypt, and the negotiations of a full autonomy for the Palestinians living in the Israeli occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

At the end of 1979, prospects for a complete Middle East peace, between all of the

Arab nations and Israel, seem as remote as they did in 1967 or 1973. Many of the differences between Israel and Egypt have been ironed out, but on the issue of the autonomy for Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaz district there has been no forward progress.

Not only have Jordan and the West Bank mayors refused to join the negotiations, but even within Israel there is a schism as to whether or not that clause of the treaty should be enacted. In the latter half of 1979 radical groups on both sides of the issue have demonstrated and pressured the Knesset. The Gush Emunim, who have settlements in the disputed area of Elon Moreh, the Aguda, and other Zionist and conservative groups maintain that under no circumstances should the post-1967 War territories of Judea and Samaria be given up. The Peace Now groups, some members of the Labor Party and liberals feel that continuing to rule one million Arabs against their will is undesirable, and are trying to devise ways to convince the Palestinian West Bank leaders of their sincerity to negotiate in good faith.

While prospects for achieving a comprehensive Middle East settlement remain remote, the peace effort for which Prime Minister Menachem Begin, and President Anwar Sadat were honored with the Nobel Peace Prize, stands as a hope for all.



Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, center, and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, left, on the occasion of Sadat's historic 1977 visit to Israel.

## IN THE RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY

*There are many significant events which took place in the Rhode Island Jewish community in the last decade. An article of this nature is always bound to stir controversy, and many people will feel that U they know of a significant event which would make one of the following events pale in comparison. With no intention, of slighting anyone or anything, herein lies one man's view of a decade.*

By Arthur Sesnovich

The plight of the Soviet Jew is a sad one in many cases. He is frequently denied exit visas, he is harassed, he is not always allowed to exercise religious freedom. There is usually not much that he can do about the situation. Help has to come from outside sources.

One of those sources was, and is, the Jewish Community of Rhode Island. In a show of sympathy for the Soviet Jew and his difficult life, a protest was held on Monday, January 25, 1971 near the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium sponsored by the Rhode Island Conference on Soviet Jewry.

The protest coincided with the appearance of the Siberian Dancers and Singers of Omsk. Rabbi Saul Leeman, then the temple Beth Torah and president of the Rhode Island Conference on Soviet Jewry, stated that the purpose of the rally was to bring to the attention of the public "the sad plight of Soviet Jewry and the story of the Leningrad trials with their shocking miscarriage of justice."

Persons attending the performance were greeted by a line of 34 demonstrators, carrying in one hand placards displaying a name or a picture of a defendant in the

Leningrad trial. Their other hands were bound together with rope, symbolizing the bondage of fellow Jews in Russia.

Leaflets, resembling a troupe program, were handed to theatre-goers. The leaflet asked that the audience enjoy the performance, but that they also consider the Jews in Russia who are denied not only the privilege of cultural expression, but also the right to attend Jewish Schools, read or print Jewish newspapers, establish Jewish libraries, and to manufacture or import ritual objects. The leaflet suggested further that, since all but 62 synagogues have been closed in Russia, Jews may lose their religious rights also.

While the 34 demonstrated in front of the auditorium, more protesters held a cultural program at Francis and Brownell Streets led by Rabbi Leeman. More placards were visible here, demanding "Shlach et ami" - "Let my people go."

At one point in the evening, there was an interview among representatives of the Dance Troupe and Rabbi Leeman, Lawrence Goldberg, chairman of the

Jewish Community Relations Council of R.I., and Fred Pollak, Brown University professor. Mr. Goldberg said they expected the talk to be a charade, but it was better than that.

Rabbi Leeman said that his group gave the Russians some information, such as figures on extant Russian rabbis and synagogues, which they did not have. When the Leningrad trials were mentioned, the Soviets said nothing. One Russian did say that Soviet Jews are free to follow their religion.

At 8:00 p.m. on that Monday, the demonstrators marched to the steps of the State House for a program of Israeli dancing and singing.

Herein, as was the case in the rally held almost three years later for support for Israel in the 1973 War, the significance of this event lies in the kinship felt by the Rhode Island Jewish community for events that are affecting their brethren thousands of miles away. That feeling of kinship is one that is tough to match in terms of its impact.

## Rally for Soviet Jews

## JCC Dedication

The establishment of the Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island might well be considered, with minor argument, the most significant single event of the last decade. It has come to be, literally, a center of religious, social, cultural, and athletic activities for the Jewish community of the Ocean State.

Located on the corner of Elm Grove Avenue and Sessions Street, the Center was officially dedicated on June 13, 1971. The event of the dedication marked the culmination of years of study, planning, and effort by the Center's and community leadership, and the untiring efforts of a large group of Center members (there already was a Center, located in the converted Sessions Street police station, but it was hardly the facility that the present Center is) to lift the level of Center services of the Rhode Island Jewish community to the level already attained by most Jewish communities in the United States of similar size.

There was little wonder, then, that when the goal was coming in sight that there was more than slight rejoicing on the part of the Center leadership. An invitation was issued to the entire community to join them in the dedication ceremonies and in the special Dedication Week of activities which lasted until Sunday, June 20.

That the size and facilities available in the new Center had been a marked increase over the old police building was more than apparent to any passerby. For example, in its old building, the Center had no physical education or health facilities of any account. An abortive attempt to conduct health club facilities failed because of lack of space, equipment, and physical attractiveness.

What physical education activities were conducted — and there actually were many — were either conducted in regular meeting rooms, certainly not designed for that purpose, outdoors in the parking lot and neighboring playing field, or in borrowed and rented pools, gymnasiums, and playing courts.

In its new location, the Center has a complete physical education wing that houses very nearly all that it has ever desired in

that area — at least in terms of variety. An AAU swimming pool, a full-sized gymnasium, exercise rooms, a handball and racquetball court, skating rink, playing fields, and double health club facilities, with separate locker rooms, lounges, saunas, massage rooms, and lavatory facilities for men and women are the features of this attractive structure.

Similarly, the Center's senior adult membership, which up until the time of the present Center had been accommodated in facilities geared neither to the size of its group or the range of their activities, now finds itself in expansive quarters created especially for them. Large lounges, special activities rooms, numerous meeting rooms, an outdoor sun balcony and nearby library, music alcove, and lavatory facilities created for them what one Center member years ago called "a second home away from home."

The Center's first headquarters had been located at 65 Benefit Street, the former Hebrew Educational Institute, which had been established in 1914. In 1928, the Center became a member of the Providence Community Fund and continued to develop its services even during the Depression.

A 1934 study by the Jewish Welfare Board recommended that a new \$500,000 Center be built to replace the Benefit Street building and that branches be established in the North End and South Side of Providence. Because of adverse economic conditions the fund drive was postponed until 1939 and 1942 when funds were sought to renovate the Benefit Street structure. This resulted in an enlarged gymnasium and a somewhat modernized building.

In 1941, with the advent of World War II, the Center concentrated its activities on children, older adults, and the USO and other community wartime efforts.

The Center branched out into the country with the acquisition of land in Scituate for Camp Centerland, the Center's popular day camp for children. Simeon Kinsley and Morris Kritzman succeeded J.I. Cohen as executive directors. Cohen had taken over

the reins from Abraham Resnick in 1926.

In 1951 a leisure time study by the General Jewish Committee (later to be known as the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island) led to a re-evaluation of the Center's function and the move to a new building in 1952 — the former Sessions Street police station. The Center exchanged its Benefit Street property with the city for the police station.

Similarly, another police station became the Center's South Side branch in 1954. Located on Hamilton Street in South Providence, the building has since been sold.

Dr. Bernard Carp took over as the Center's executive director in 1957. A fact-finding study was undertaken in 1964 to explore the future of the Jewish Community Center. The study group was headed up by Max L. Grant, the Center's first president.

The Center's board of directors accepted the findings of the study group which became the basis for plans for a new Center building.

The Center's land was exchanged with the city for the new building site on Elm Grove Avenue. After receiving clearance from the General Jewish Committee and the United Fund, the New Building Campaign was launched in May, 1967, under the chairmanship of Bertram L. Bernhardt.

The campaign was interrupted by the Six Day War and resumed in the spring of 1969, was interrupted by strikes, and

resumed in late September, 1969.

Sigmund J. Hellmann succeeded Dr. Carp as executive director in 1972, and was succeeded himself by Ramon Berger.

A six-page issue of the Center News, the Center's weekly newspaper, was sent to every Jewish family in the community containing not only the news of the Dedication Week activities, but a schedule of activities that were offered that summer.

The Center's Dedication Day ceremonies began with the placing of the *Mezuzah* on the doorpost. Harlan Espo, then Center president, attached the *Mezuzah* in the afternoon ceremonies, with blessings pronounced by Rabbi Saul Leeman and chanting by Cantor Ivan E. Perlman.

A formal dinner dance was held in the Center's new social hall. One of the major events of the evening was the unveiling of busts of Milton C. Sapsinsley and Max L. Grant, the Center's first two presidents by the world famous sculptor Chaim Gross, their creator.

In 1974, another addition was attached which houses the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island and several other organizations.

The Jewish Community Center of Rhode Island certainly signifies one of the most important single events of the decade in the Rhode Island Jewish Community. It continues to increase in membership and range of activities for all ages.

## R.I. Mikvah

The building of the only *Mikvah* in the State of Rhode Island represented a significant step in helping women adhere fully to the tenets of Judaism. The *Mikvah* was formally dedicated at the installation meeting of the Vaad Hakashruth of Rhode Island on Monday, January 26, 1970.

keep this *mitzvah* of ritual immersion. Jewish women from far-flung settlements used to travel literally days to reach a place that had a *Mikvah*. The word *Mikvah* not only means a place where natural waters are gathered, but it is also the Hebrew word for hope.

## R.I. Gives War Support

For the second time in six years, Israel was involved in war. It was obvious that the existence of the State of Israel was a sore spot in the minds of her Arab neighbors. It was also just as obvious that if Israel were to win this war with as much rapidity as she won the 1967 ordeal, she would need assistance, both monetary and spiritual, from her Jewish brethren in the United States.

That help certainly came in abundance from the State of Rhode Island's Jewish community. Approximately 4,000, that's right, four thousand members of the Jewish community packed, crowded, and squeezed their way into the Jewish Community Center on Tuesday, October 9, 1973 to listen to speakers call for aid to Israel in its confrontation with the Arabs.

Former Governor Frank Licht, honorary and past president of the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, which had called the meeting, said, "... in this hour, there is only one answer — victory and peace for our brothers in Eretz Yisrael."

At the time, estimates were made that put the amount of money raised in Rhode Island at more than \$2 million since the attack of Egypt and Syria on Israel.

Contributions at the October '73 meeting ranged from \$5 to \$250,000. Besides pledges from the thousands assembled at the Center, an ad hoc meeting held at Brown University produced approximately \$4000 and pledged eighty potential blood donors as well as 10 volunteers.

Mrs. Arthur Einstein, who over the years has been a tireless worker for the State of Israel, in one morning at the Jewish Home for the Aged, collected contributions of \$124 from the residents of the home. Among the money collected on Tuesday, Joseph Galkin, executive director of the Federation, said that there was a piggy bank filled with assorted coins and a glass jar filled with dimes, nickels, and quarters. People were obviously digging deep into their hearts and pockets to support the cause of their brethren.

Actually, throughout the country support came from many sources. Mayor Frank L. Rizzo of Philadelphia asked the city to authorize the purchase of \$1 million in Israeli Bonds. Mayor Tom Bradley, first black mayor of Los Angeles, was the featured speaker at a fund raising rally there.

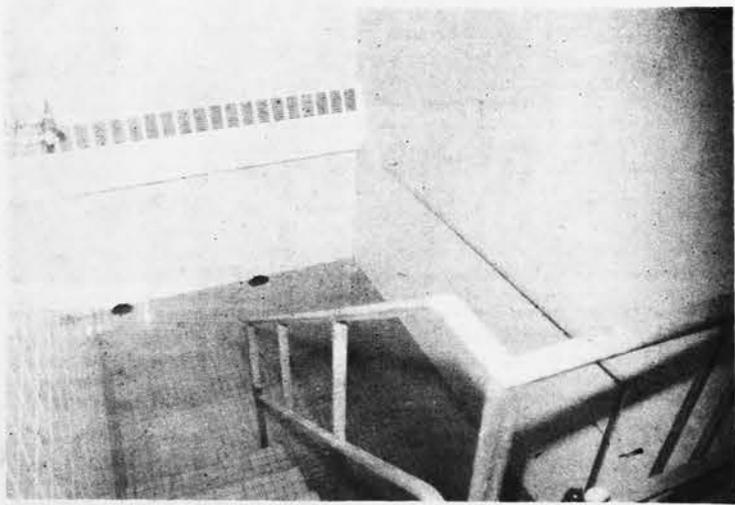
rally, addressed the gathering and offered a prayer for peace. The Very Reverend William L. Kite, dean of the Cathedral of St. John, represented the Episcopal Bishop Frederick H. Belden, who was out of town.

Governor Philip Noel was represented by Lieutenant Governor J. Joseph Garrahy (present governor of Rhode Island) who said the war is "a fight for the survival of a people. It is vital to our own nation's safety that Israel, the bastion of democracy in the Middle East, remain safe."

The national State of Israel Bonds organization said that it had raised about \$120 million since the start of the fighting. The United Jewish Appeal was aiming at \$100 million, according to the Associated Press.

Max Alperin, then president of the Federation, also addressed the mass rally at the Center.

The crowd that was stuffed into the Center on that Tuesday in October of '73 was probably the largest single gathering of people that the center has ever had to accommodate. The real significance in this particular rally did not really lie in the number of dollars raised, although that certainly is crucial. Underlying it all was the kinship that the Jewish community of Rhode Island felt for the people of Israel. The amount of people who graced the Center that night with their presence is a tribute to the solidarity of the Jewish people the world over. The rally gave the Jewish community a chance to display its unity with Eretz Yisrael in the kind of grandiose way that it would do only once in a decade. It earned its place in the most significant events of the last ten years.



The Mikvah, or ritual bath, was dedicated on January 26, 1970.

Located in the Talmud Torah building of Congregation Shaare Zedek-Sons of Abraham, the *Mikvah* had been completely refurbished, and the technical difficulties which held up its use were resolved. At the time of the dedication, there were 15 to 20 women who used the *Mikvah* regularly. It is also used in conversions.

Before this *Mikvah* had been established, women had had to go to Boston since the one at Candace Street had been closed. There had been one on Staniford Street, in South Providence but it was taken over when the Urban Renewal organization stepped into the area.

Rabbi Meir, one of the greatest Talmudic sages, has characterized the cleansing of a woman in the *Mikvah* as a re-enactment of marriage, or, to paraphrase the idea, as a new honeymoon each month. Women through the ages have sacrificed deeply to

When a woman is in childbirth and undergoing excruciating pain, she turns to God and says a prayer in which three deeds are mentioned. They are the specific obligations that Judaism bestows upon the woman. When she lights the candles, she signifies that it is her role to bring Shabbat to the home; when she separates the challah she underscores the fact that it is she who brings Kashruth to the Jewish table; and when she immerses herself in the *Mikvah*, she knows that it is her task to bring sanctity to the Jewish family.

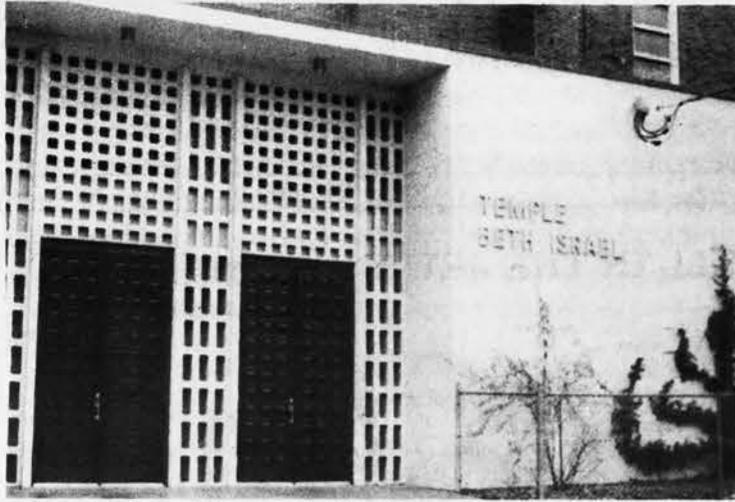
The work on the *Mikvah* (which belongs to the Congregation of Shaare Zedek), the installation of a heating unit, the painting and renovating were done by the Vaad Hakashruth with rabbinical advice. Jacob Mossberg, president of the Vaad, said "They (the Vaad) had a feeling it was their responsibility."

## New Temple Beth Israel

As was the case with Congregation Sons of Zion's move to Douglas Avenue to join Congregation Sons of Jacob and eventually with Temple Beth Sholom, the relocation or rebuilding of a synagogue is an important and significant affair. The members of the congregation are obviously affected, but the general Jewish community also feels the effects of the change.

Ira Galkin, Julian Greene, Solomon Selinker, and Sam Tippe. Rabbi Jacob Handler and Cantor Karl S. Kritz served ex-officio.

The dedication of the synagogue was a happy occasion for all concerned, especially temple members and officers. Another cause for *simcha* occurred several years later, in 1975. The happy occasion involved



Temple Beth Israel, located on Niagara Street in Providence, was dedicated on September 18-20, 1970.

Temple Beth Israel, Southern New England's oldest conservative congregation, dedicated its new sanctuary building on the weekend of September 18-20, 1970. Located at the corner of Niagara Street and Atlantic Avenue, it replaces the original building at that site which was totally destroyed by fire in March of 1968.

The new building, still thriving in its ninth year of existence, includes a modern sanctuary, a daily chapel, the board of directors' function room, classrooms, the rabbi's and cantor's studies, an office, and assembly foyer. A common lobby and entrance on Atlantic Avenue connects the building to the new social hall with its modern kitchen, checking facilities, and bride's room which was completed and dedicated in 1967.

Leo Greene, then temple president, announced the appointment of Leonard J. Sholes, the temple's immediate past president, as general chairman of the dedication committee. Mr. Sholes was assisted by a steering committee consisting of Irving Ackerman, Charles Coken, Joseph Fowler,

Old people. Senior citizens. The elderly. Call them what you will, everyone will be one someday. Regardless of that fact, too many people have no compassion for the plight of the senior citizen. He or she is often ignored and/or neglected once it is felt that the person's usefulness and logic have faded.

As the now-famous Rodney Dangerfield line goes, they don't get no respect.

A large step in rectifying that situation was taken on June 6, 1977 when a new facility for the Jewish Home for the Aged was opened. The new complex, still a very viable institution, is a new facility consisting of 200 beds as well as modernization of the 1953 wing which consists of approximately 55 beds, making a total of 255 beds. The new facility was attached to the old building which is located at 99 Hillside Avenue in Providence. The original Jewish Home for the Aged was located on Orms Street.

Max Alperin, then president and general chairman of the Home, said that after several years of study and preparation, the building plans were finalized and many bids from contractors had been received. The contract was eventually awarded to Donatelli Building Company, Inc.

The building committee under the co-chairmanship of Harold Leavitt and Alexander Rumpel together with the architectural firm of Robinson Green Beretta had worked steadily to devise a plan to provide a new and modern facility capable of providing the highest quality of skilled nursing care, rehabilitation, and personal care for the elderly. The other members of the building committee were Milton M. Dubinsky, Irving I. Fain, Irving Kronenberg (present director of the home), David Penn, and Jerome R. Sapolsky (present Miriam Hospital president).

the burning of an object, but this time it was thankfully not the temple. What was set on fire was the temple's mortgage, which the temple was able to retire in a celebration held on November 28, 29, and 30 during the week of Chanukah.

That was not the first time that Beth Israel had had to retire a mortgage. The other one was retired due to the fire that razed the old structure to the ground and a substantial new mortgage had to be taken in order to rebuild and rededicate the present building.

Samuel Tippe announced the formation of a committee co-chaired by Mrs. Samuel Bochner and Raymond Cohen to plan the gala weekend. Mr. Tippe had said, "During the festival of Chanukah, Temple Beth Israel will once again be free and clear."

Mr. Tippe deserved more credit than he was willing to take, since he inherited a balance due of \$67,000 when he took over as temple president in 1972. "The very able committeepeople who worked with him (Tippe) will now be able to share in the knowledge that their efforts were not in vain."

Over 500 people attended the groundbreaking ceremonies on Wednesday, August 6, 1975 and more than \$1 million was added to the money that had already been pledged. A drive to raise \$6 million was initiated, making it to date the largest single fund-raising event ever undertaken by the Rhode Island Jewish community.



Groundbreaking ceremonies at the Jewish Home for the Aged on Hillside Avenue in Providence took place on August 6, 1975.

## Sons of Zion Move

The re-location of a synagogue is always important news in a community. When the synagogue in question happens to be the oldest orthodox synagogue in a particular city, the event takes on special significance.

The members of Congregation Sons of Zion, formerly at 45 Orms Street in Providence, were warmly welcomed when they brought their Torahs and other holy objects to Congregation Sons of Jacob at 22 Douglas Avenue. The move was made on November 22, 1970. The move became necessary when the Sons of Zion's old structure was torn down to make way for the Randall Square renewal project.

About 70 or 80 persons formed the procession that walked to the Congregation's new home. Jewish orthodox law requires that the Torah scrolls and scroll crowns, the memorial tablets, and other religious objects be carried on foot from the old location to the new.

Rabbi Morris Drazin, spiritual leader of the Congregation Sons of Zion for many years, led the procession to the Douglas Avenue location. He walked slowly, carefully cradling one of the Torahs in his arms. Rabbi Drazin and Frank E. Swartz, president of the congregation, led a brief ceremony at the old temple before the procession started.

Jacob Glantz, chairman of the board of

Sons of Jacob, welcomed the members of the Sons of Zion Synagogue, saying that all that was asked of them was their attendance at daily prayers so that there would always be a *minyan*, the ten men necessary for the reciting of services. Representative Sam Kagan, who was a democrat from District 1, and a member of the board of Sons of Jacob, also welcomed the newcomers. Mr. Swartz, Rabbi Drazin, and Syd Cohen, corresponding secretary of Sons of Zion, also spoke.

Shortly after the move was completed, Mr. Swartz expressed the feeling that the congregation was hoping to build a new synagogue, on the East Side, perhaps in the Blackstone Boulevard area. Although history shows that the congregation did not in fact acquire its own building, it did eventually set up shop on the East Side. The congregation merged with Temple Beth Sholom (Congregation Ahavath Sholom). A deal was made whereby the name Congregation Sons of Zion was perpetuated, which it still is.

There had been a time, soon after the merger was completed, during which the proposal was put forth to make the synagogue half orthodox, half conservative, but the idea was eventually squelched when Rabbi Jake Rubenstein took over as spiritual leader. The temple remains an orthodox institution.

## Sundlun Award

The award dinner held on November 28, 1979, to honor Bruce G. Sundlun, president and chief executive officer of Outlet Company, in behalf of State of Israel Bonds, was a significant event in the Rhode Island Jewish community for several reasons. So many in fact, that it becomes difficult to know where to begin.

How about the bevy of renowned personages that attended? The keynote speaker was Senator John W. Warner of Virginia. Also in attendance was his wife, Elizabeth Taylor Warner, whose fame needs no introduction or explanation. The vice-president himself, Walter F. Mondale, headed a distinguished list of government leaders that served as honorary chairmen of the dinner held at Chateau de Ville in Warwick. And the Honorable John O. Pastore served as chairman for the evening.

Then there was the matter of money raised. More than \$2.3 million had been invested in Israel to honor Bruce Sundlun. And the honor presented to Sundlun was of more than slight significance. He received

the State of Israel Prime Minister's Medal, the nation's highest public service award.

Senator Warner told more than 500 corporation executives and friends of Mr. Sundlun that "We must not let the fabric of peace be broken in the Middle East. You are part of the momentum to invest in peace," he told the capacity audience. "You are a force for investing in peace in Israel."

Mrs. Warner read a message from Prime Minister Begin. The message said in part, "Please say that we are grateful to America for its help in the struggle for peace. . . . We will translate the written treaty into a new reality of life."

In accepting the Prime Minister's Medal from Colonel Menachem Eini, Israel's Air Force Attache to Washington, D.C., Mr. Sundlun declared that "The creation of the State of Israel is the most conspicuous and successful forward step that democracy as an institution has taken since Facism was defeated in World War II.

## Jewish Home For Aged



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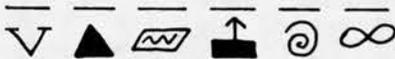
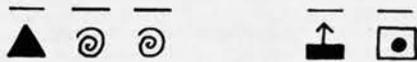
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## SECRET CODE

Each of these symbols stands for a letter in the alphabet. Match the symbol to the letter and write the letter in the blank. When you are through, you'll know the secret code.

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## CONTEST

PRIZES \*\* PRIZES

NOAH'S ARK has a contest for you!  
To win a prize, here's a helpful clue:  
Write a limerick for spring  
Or Pesach-type things,  
Or something special 'bout being a Jew!

**HOW TO ENTER:** Write your limerick about Passover or any Jewish subject and, if you wish, you may include a drawing to go with it (pencil or black felt-tipped pen on white paper only).

Entries will not be considered unless you include your name, address, and age!

Send your entry to: NOAH'S ARK CONTEST, 10019 Villa Lea, Houston, Texas 77071.

**DEADLINE:** JANUARY 10, 1980. Winners will be announced in the March (Passover) edition of NOAH'S ARK.

## ALL IN THE JEWISH FAMILY

Jewish families have many things in common with families all over the world. But there are also many things that make a Jewish family unusual and different. Although no two families are exactly alike, here are some examples of things you do in a Jewish family:



- In a Jewish family, you celebrate the High Holidays and Festivals, Thanksgiving, Fourth of July and birthdays.

- In a Jewish family, somebody understands you.

- In a Jewish family, you hear your parents argue.

- In a Jewish family, you fight with your brother one day and help him with his Hebrew the next.

- In a Jewish family, you discover that your sister is interesting and your mother knows something.

- In a Jewish family, you think out loud about what you want to be when you grow up.

- In a Jewish family, you brag about your good report card.

- In a Jewish family, you visit your old aunt when you'd rather be at the movies.

- In a Jewish family, you're nervous about your Bar/Bat Mitzvah - and can't wait for it to come.

- In a Jewish family, you eat dinner together - at least on Friday nights.

- In a Jewish family, your family cries together.

- In a Jewish family, you laugh at an old joke no one else would understand - or think is funny.

- In a Jewish family, you argue that you don't want to go to synagogue because it's "boring" - and you go anyway.

- In a Jewish family, you act the way you feel: you cry when you're sad and shout when you're mad.

- In a Jewish family, you have a picture of Israel hanging on the wall.

- In a Jewish family, you worry about having enough money and then give money to charity.

- In a Jewish family, you imagine what it would be like to run away.

- In a Jewish family, you learn to be a "good eater".

- In a Jewish family, you know someone is in the audience cheering just for you.

- In a Jewish family, you wish you could have some privacy.

- In a Jewish family, chicken soup is the best medicine.

- In a Jewish family, you go to Hebrew School when you'd rather play baseball.

- In a Jewish family, you know someone is in the audience cheering just for you.

- In a Jewish family, you remember the past and dream about the future.

- In a Jewish family, you "watch your mouth" and "act your age".

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(Resource: My Family. How Shall I Live With It? by George and Nikki Koehler. Rand McNally and Company, 1968.)

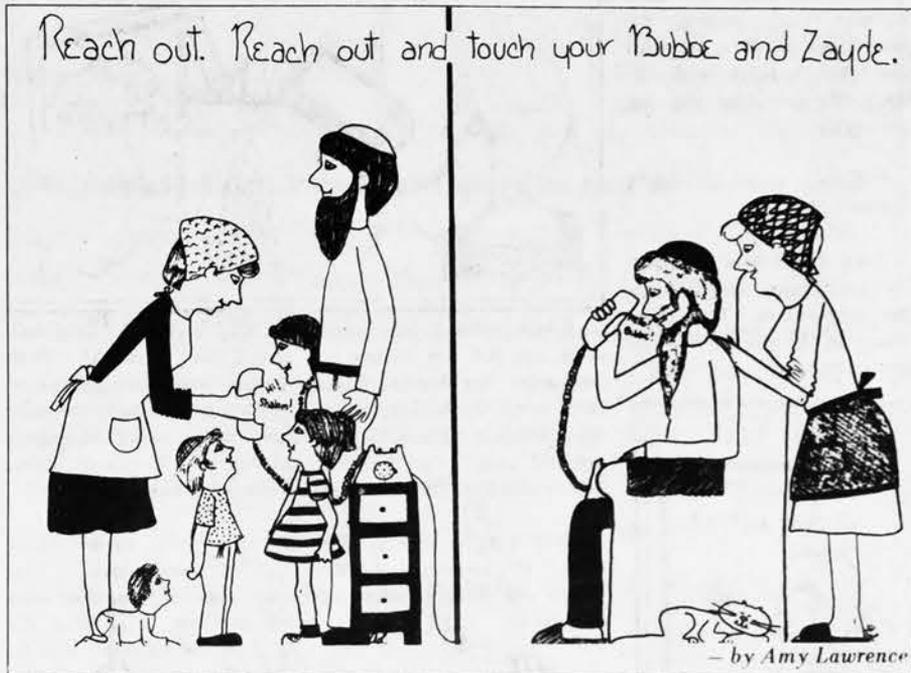
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# JEWISH FAMILY CONTEST

The winner of the Jewish Family Contest is Amy Lawrence, age 12, Glendale, Wisconsin. She will receive her own NOAH'S ARK t-shirt. Mazel Tov!



- by Amy Lawrence

## HIDDEN MESSAGE

The duck on Noah's Ark has sent us a hidden message. To find out what it is, cross out every D, U, C, and K!

KUTDHCKEUDUFCAKUMDICUKLYDTCUHADT  
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## SHOULD KIDS GET DIVORCED FROM THEIR PARENTS?

The people of Sweden are thinking about a new law: children would have the right to divorce their parents!

It is already illegal for parents to spank their children in Sweden.

The law is not just for any child who is angry at his or her parents. The law is meant to help children in especially difficult situations. For example, if parents could not take care of their children properly, and if the children are already living in other people's homes, then the court may decide that it is in the best interest of the children to be "divorced" from their parents.

The divorce law is meant to be taken seriously, and a court of law would make the decisions.



Would this law be "legal" in Judaism? The prophets asked that the "heart of the parents be turned to the children and the hearts of the children to the parents". Would that mean that children are required to love and honor their parents? Would that also mean that parents should respect their children's rights? The prophets also said, "Where there is love, the home is happy." And where there is not love, should the children get divorced from their parents?

What do you think about this possible law in Sweden? Do you wish there was a law like this in the United States? Can you imagine a time when children might need to get divorced from parents? Does that sound like a "Jewish" thing to do? What is your opinion?

Write to HOT LINE, c/o NOAH'S ARK, 10019 Villa Lea, Houston, Texas 77071, and tell us your point of view!

<p><b>ANSWER TO REBUS</b>                  SMILE - SLE + FISH -                  FI + PAIL - IL + CHAIR -                  IR = MISHPACHA</p>	<p><b>ANSWER TO HIDDEN MESSAGE</b>                  The family that prays together stays together.</p>	<p><b>ANSWER TO SECRET CODE</b>                  All in the Family!</p>
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## Runner-Up

I'm proud to be part of a Jewish family that lights Sabbath candles and celebrates holidays, goes to the synagogue and eats special foods and goes to Sunday or Hebrew School. I'm proud to walk up to the Torah with the Rabbi and say prayers with our congregation. It's so much fun to be part of a Jewish family: to dress up in costumes on Purim, to share a beautiful seder on Passover, to decorate a sukkah and dance with a Torah at Simchat Torah and to light the menorah and exchange gifts at Chanukah.

One of the nicest things about my Jewish family is that it is made up not only of my relatives, but of all the Jewish people in my community and, in fact, all the Jews in the entire world.

- Mark Levine  
 Age 8  
 Danbury, Connecticut

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 \* How did Noah know that the elephant \*  
 \* had been in his refrigerator? \*  
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 \*  \*  
 \* He saw its footprint in the peanut butter! \*  
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 \* Joke submitted by: Marissa Martin \*  
 \* Age 9 Houston, Texas \*  
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## FROM THE MAIL POUCH

Dear Kanga:  
 Hi. I am a girl. I read the article about a Jewish penpal. I am 10 years old. I have many hobbies. I like all sports, singing, disco dancing, piano, spelling and science. I want a real cute boy to write to.

I also am very funny and have a good sense of humor. I was born on November 13, 1969. I have one brother. I am in the 4th grade.

Goodbye.  
 - Sara Plocker  
 12915 Ambois  
 St. Louis, Missouri 63141

Dear NOAH'S ARK readers:  
 Would you like a pen pal? Sara would like to hear from you. Or you could write to KANGA ROO, c/o NOAH'S ARK, 10019 Villa Lea, Houston, Texas 77071. Tell our readers about yourself!  
 L'hitraot,  
 - KANGA ROO

Dear Kanga:  
 I enjoy reading NOAH'S ARK and doing the puzzles and everything on the pages. I think you should continue running it. It is very fun.  
 - Kevin Anderson  
 Age 8  
 Los Angeles, California



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# BROTHERS! WHO NEEDS THEM!

"Hurry up!" shouted Al. "I have to wait for you every day!"

"Stop shouting!" answered Amy. "I'm ready!" She followed Al out the front door.

The brother and sister walked to Hebrew School. Al kept two steps ahead of Amy. No matter how fast Amy walked, Al walked faster. "I can't wait until Mom lets me walk to Hebrew School without you," said Amy.



"I wish you could go without me, too!" groaned Al.

When they arrived at the synagogue, Al ran off to meet his friends. "He didn't even say goodbye to me!" thought Amy. "He didn't even wave! Brothers! Who needs them anyhow?"

Amy went into her classroom. "Hi, Mr. Levine," she said. Mr. Levine usually said a cheerful "hello" back. Today he wasn't smiling. Today he looked angry.



"Class, something terrible happened in this classroom yesterday," Mr. Levine said. "Someone took Beth's wallet out of her satchel. The wallet had money in it. Now the money and the wallet are gone!"

The children squirmed in their seats. Everyone was uncomfortable. No one wanted to believe someone in a Hebrew class would steal! Who could have done such a thing?

Amy raised her hand. She said, "Beth was saving her money to buy her father a special birthday present. Now she can't buy anything."

Joey said, "I think I know what happened to the wallet. Someone in this class knew that Beth had money to buy a present for her father. That 'somebody' must have taken the money. That 'somebody' must be Amy!"

Amy jumped up and shouted, "That's not true! I wouldn't do such a thing. Tell them, Beth!"

Everyone looked at Beth. "How do I know who took my money?" asked Beth sadly. "I just know I don't have it anymore."



Everyone felt sorry for Beth. Amy could see that they believed Joey. Amy pleaded, "Please believe me. I didn't take Beth's money."

Mr. Levine said, "That's enough now. We don't know who took the money. We only know it's gone. I hope the person who took it will return it before school is over. Now, let's begin our lessons."

Amy couldn't stay in that room another minute. She had to get away from the children's accusing looks. She got up and ran out of the room. As she left, she heard Joey say, "See? I told you Amy took the wallet. That's why she's running away!"



Amy ran down the hall. As she was running, she passed her brother Al who was taking a book to the library. He saw Amy running and crying.

"Amy, wait for me!" shouted Al.

Amy didn't hear him. She kept on running. She ran into the restroom. The door closed as Al got there. The sign on the door said "Girls".



"Oh, good grief!" moaned Al. He sat on the floor in the hall. Soon a girl walked by. "Say, my sister is in the restroom," said Al. "She's crying. Would you tell her Al is waiting?"

The girl went in. In a minute, Amy came out. She was still crying. Al hugged his little sister. "What happened?" he asked.



They sat down and Amy told Al the whole story.

"That Joey! He sure is mean!" agreed Al. "But we know you didn't take the money. It doesn't matter what they think. Even if everybody thinks you took the money, you would still be innocent!"

"But Al, no one believes me. They all believe Joey."

"Don't say no one. I'm someone," said Al.

"You're right! I'm going back to class now, because I know the truth! No matter what they think, I'm still innocent!" said Amy. She left, and Al went to the library.



When school was over, Amy opened her locker to put away her books. When Beth opened her locker, something fell out. "Look, Beth!" pointed Amy. "You dropped your wallet!"

Beth looked down. "My wallet! Mr. Levine, look! My wallet was in my locker all the time!"

"That's terrific," said Mr. Levine. "Now you can buy your father that special present!"

All of the children left the classroom, congratulating Beth on her good luck.

Al was waiting for Amy near the front steps of the synagogue. "Guess what?" asked Amy. "Beth's wallet was in her locker all the time. And no one even apologized for thinking I took it!"

"Oh Amy, they forgot all about you," said Al. "Beth has her wallet and the excitement is over. You're the only one who is still thinking about it because your feelings are hurt."

"Do you know what else?" asked Amy. "You were the only person who believed me. You were the only person who was nice to me. I thought you didn't like me."

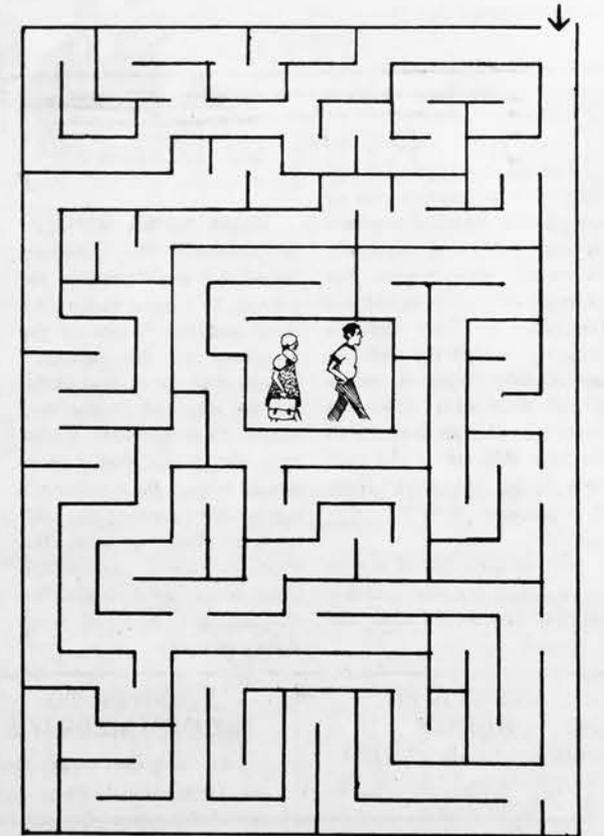
"Who said I liked you?" answered Al. "I'm your brother!" Then Al took off and ran the last block home.

Amy knew she couldn't catch up so she didn't even try. "Oh, brothers! Who needs them?"

Amy smiled. She knew who!

— By Debbie Israel Dubin  
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## Meet Amy and Al at Hebrew School



## FINE FAMILY FUN

Dear Becky,

Last Sunday afternoon it rained and I thought the day was ruined, but Mom came up with a great idea. The whole family got together and wrote letters to Bubba and Zadie in Miami Beach and our cousins Sue and Don in St. Louis. We also wrote to some old neighbors in Memphis.

We all sat down at the kitchen table. Dad made lemonade and Mom made popcorn. Ronnie got paper, pens, pencils and crayons together. Mom wrote about what was new with the family. Then Dad wrote next about how he's jogging and losing weight. Lisa (who is 4 now) drew a picture and Ronnie wrote about his baseball team. He even put in a picture of himself in his uniform. I wrote to them about the part I got in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade play.

Then we put all the notes and pictures in a big envelope - and we started on the next letter. Everybody loved our "family news". Next time you get bored, you ought to get your family to try it.

That's all for now -  
Linda

## JEWISH FAMILY WORD FIND

You might think you only belong to one family but you really belong to a larger family - the Jewish people. The people of Israel (the Jews) are said to come from Twelve Tribes (groups). These tribes are named after the sons of our ancestor Jacob because our tradition says that all of Jacob's 12 sons were loyal to God.

In Biblical times, people knew the name of their tribe. But as the Jewish people became more unified (able to get along with each other) they stopped using the names of their tribes.

See if you can locate all of the Twelve Tribes in the Word Find below. The words can go across or up and down, and some are spelled backwards.

REUBEN	DAN
SIMEON (LEVI)	NAPHTALI
JUDAH	GAD
ISSACHAR	ASHER
ZEBULUN	EPHRAIM
BENJAMIN	MENASSEH

N	I	D	A	G	L	E	S	M
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Idea for Word Find submitted by Darren Prum  
Age 8½  
Fullerton, California

## BOOK REVIEW

**CARNIVAL AND KOPECK AND MORE ABOUT HANNAH.** By Mindy Warshaw Skolsky. Harper & Row, 1979. Ages 7-10. \$7.95. Hannah's grandmother has moved nearby and they become good friends. Like all friends, sometimes they have their problems and Hannah learns that problems can be worked out. While the story is interesting, Hannah seems too young for nine and ten year old readers (and the illustrations make Hannah look like a preschooler). Seven and eight year old readers will probably enjoy this book very much. **PRETTY GOOD.**

**THE GOLEM. A JEWISH LEGEND.** Written and illustrated by Beverly Brodsky McDermott. J. B. Lippincott, 1976. \$8.95. This is a very difficult book to review. The book jacket does not say for which ages the book was written, although it is a "picture book". The subject is about the ancient Jewish legend of the rabbi who molds a person out of a lump of clay. That person is called the Golem and he becomes powerful and terrible. The book is excellent for its full color paintings. But the story does not make good reading for children. It is too difficult an idea for children to understand, and neither the personality of the rabbi nor the situation is explained clearly. This book won the Caldecott Honor Award however. The illustrations are probably the reason it won the prize.

## HEBREW WORDS OF THE MONTH

מכתב  
(meech tav)  
letter

נייר  
(neh yar)  
paper

עפרון  
(ee pah ron)  
pencil

ל.י.ב.  
(bool)  
stamp

עט  
(ate)  
pen

## ANSWER TO WORD FIND

A family I knew named the Franks  
Owned and ran the town's biggest banks.  
But folks knew in the town  
On Shabbat they closed down  
Cause on that day, they'd rest and give thanks.



# Rhode Island Jewish Bowling Congress Bowling News

By  
**DAVE SEIDMAN**



## SINAI

The Phil Levinson story continues to be the hot news from this league. Phil has had the type of month that ten pin bowlers dream about. One week he hit 670 and for an encore he comes back with 682 with strings of 254, 233, 195 to capture high three in the Congress. Two more people joined the 600 club as Abb Dressler went 621 while taking the 5 strike jackpot and Harvey Hutt hit for 607. Making news for the low average bowlers was Jerry Kaplan as JK with a 139 average this year hit for 10 straight marks and wound up with a personal high of 223. Other good scores were by Tony Palombo who hit for 580, Harry Katzman 556, Dave Seidman 569, Marty Brown 556, Lew Weinstein 580, Frank Boffi 577, and Abe Lobel hit his season high with 212/512. Old man Harry Coppel tried throwing the ball with 2 hands and came up with a 230/595. Harold Cohen found the drinks to his liking and had a 228/536. His drinking buddy, Stan Turco bowled a 499. Marv Jacobson had 225/542, Bob Silverman 532, Shirtless Delerson had 514, Ralph Rottenberg 511, Hotsie Strelow realizes that you do forget did manage a 547, Howie Weiser had 528, Mel Goldstein had 560 and 563, Adrian Horovitz hit for 531, Nick Campanini stopped kicking the ball return long enough to hit 534, Marty Feldman had a 210/543, Charlie Fischer hit 509, Bob Roiff hit a 528, the Big "L" Larry Field had 214/575, Dick Strauss had 517, Al "YMCA" Parkin had 559, Harold Grant had 196/511 to help a 150 average and Dan Weisman bowled a 222/539.

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The duckpin 2-man team tourney was held on Dec. 9 at Legion Bowl. First High three went to a quinella made up of Wild Bill Snell and George Begin of Beth Israel with 733 plus 168 for a 901. Second High three went to Ed Goralsnik and Joel Segal of the Castaways with 744 plus 108 for 852. Third High three went to Sid and Geoff Green from the Castaways with 736 plus 111 for 847. High Single went to Steve Tippe and Ken Indell of Beth Israel with 339 plus 8 for 347. The next duckpin event will be the Individual Championships to be held at Legion on January 20, 1980.

The Ten Pin Turkey tournament was held on Nov. 18 at Lungs and 40 people entered. Winners in the A Division were Howie Wasser of B.T., Harry Rose of B.E., and Ed O'Connor of B.T. B Division winners were Max Cohen of B.T., Marvin Lax of B.E., Tony Palombo of Sinai, Brent Goldstein of B.E. and Steve Rodyn of B.E. C Division winners were Arnold Siegel of RIJBC C., Ken Tolchinsky for Lovin C., and Al Meier of K.O.P. D Division had Jerry Oberman of B.T., Shirley Gold of K.O.P. and Eileen Rose of U-30's.

## RIJBC COUPLES

The top triple of the month was a brilliant 1071 posted by Tony and Kate Palombo. Rita and Mel Goldstein had 1032, Abbott and Phyl Dressler hit for 1011 and Sid and Tedi Green hit 1000. Some top singles were rolled by the Goldsteins with 378, Harry and Mim Coppel had 370, the Palombos went 364, the Greens had 357, the Dresslers managed a fine 355, Dave and Elaine Seidman had 349, the Gertzes hit 340 and Adrian and Deb Horovitz went 337. Nick and Cam Campanini had a great month. Cam with a 108 average bowled 420 and Nick with a 150 average hit 530 for 173 pins over average and led the Pandas to a 1928 triple. Other good scores were by Kate Palombo with 189/503, Tedi Green 172/501, Sandy Gertz 193/501, new bowler Janice Cornell with a 115 average went 169, and Debbie Demby raised her 126 average with a fine 171 game. Harry Coppel celebrated the return of Mimi to the lanes with a fine 211/608, Dan Weisman had 215/591, Tony Palombo had 220/568, and Dave Seidman managed 201/563. In the crazy spare department, Harold Rakatansky hit the 4-7-9, Rita Goldstein made the 6-7-10, Selva Freedman hit the 1-3-10, Elaine Gross made the 2-7, Shirley Shapiro converted the 5-10 while Babe Gertz hit the 1-2-7 and wife Sandra did the 1-5-9.

## LOVIN' COUPLES

As of the end of November, Butch and Pauline Savaria and Billy and Sherri Wolf are tied for average with 319 while Tony and Kathy Laroche are going to make it a three couple race as they now are at 317. The Laroches also hit the high triple for the month with a 1011 and had a 353 single. The Wolfs had a 355/998 month and Jim and Carolyn Hickey had 332/945. Ken and Meri Tolchinsky had 319, Ethan and Wendy Adler had 313, and Keith and Gail Bender hit 308. The leading male bowler this month was Billy Wolf with his 234/595 which is the league high. The best female keglar was Pauline Savaria with her 233/542. The 233 is a league record for the women. Other top games were bowled by Kathy LaRoche with 192, Myra Blank with 189, Sherri Wolf with 180, Carolyn Hickey 184, while the most improved bowler was Howie Shapiro for the men and Jan Shapiro for the women.

## KNIGHTS OF PHYTHIAS DUCKPIN

Lee Nulman is leading the league in average with a 115 followed by the charging Brent Goldstein who has a 112. The best single and triple of the month belongs to Lee with 150/376. Harry Keller had a 144 game, Brent had 137/373, Joe Matzner hit for 135 and Evan Cronson shot a 351. Some good bowling this month was done by Syd Matzner with 128/328, Izzy Kranoff 326, and Arnie Pepper had 120/330. The Esquire team has a four game lead over the Knights while the Senators are a distant eight games out of the top.

## BUD TRINKLE

The top team score for the month was posted by the Nets with a 2153. This team is made up of Al Shartzter, Gerry Oberman, Slim Carpenter, and Ed O'Connor. The top single of the month was hit by resident pro Len Varga who had 245/645. Howie Wasser took top triple honors with 223/650. Sam Feingold had a good 244/582, Ed O'Connor had 243/602, Billy McKiernan hit for 232/628 and Sal Cornicelli hit 220/574. Slim Carpenter hit a 217, Jim Lyons had 213/595, and Eric Rothschild had 577 as other bowlers doing well for the month. This month's big winner was "Mello" Mike Owen as in one week he

won the strike jackpot, a turkey, and the Congress Sweepstakes. Other jackpot winners were "Easy" Ed O'Connor, Max "MK" Kaufman, and "Fast" Frank Pisaturo. The league would like to express its sincere condolences to Len Waldman on the loss of his brother.

## KNIGHTS OF PHYTHIAS TENPIN

As the first half draws towards its end, Sand Hill Cove has opened up a three game lead over Narragansett and four games over Horseneck. S.H.C. has had some strong individual sets this month in gaining their lead. Among them, Sandy Shaw had 223/558, Elsie Markowitz 195/541, Al Meier 179/490, and Bev Lazaroff 145/384. Other fine performances of late included Red Hot Lee Nulman with 216/595, Dave Cokin 202/562, Max Cohen 235/570, Lou Guillemette 214/537, Art Finkelstein 172/478, Judi Robinson 174/449, Shirley Gold 192/457, and an all time high single for Cathy Guillemette 183. The league extends its deepest sympathy to Arthur Finkelstein on the passing of his mother this past month.

## CASTAWAYS

Virgo, a team consisting of Irwin Levy, Sam Green, Phil Levine, and Ken Goldblatt continued to lead the league with a 26-18 record. Ron Chorney leads the league with a 128 average and Sydney Exter is second with a 125. For the past month, there were two 400 series rolled. Len Schwartz rolled 442 and Ron Chorney hit 405. Sydney Exter's 166 was the high single. Other good games were bowled by Len Schwartz 164, R.C. had 162, Mark Exter 158, and Irwin Levy went 156. Len Schwartz was the hottest bowler of the month with 333/442/397 and 382 while raising his average to 119. Phil Levine with his 106 average rolled a fine 145/342. On Nov. 19 Libra, a team consisting of Mark Exter, Al Max, Sid Meyer, and Syd Exter hit for a 628 single and 1720 triple. Ken Resnick and Irwin Levy each had triple strikes this month. Len Schwartz was selected as bowler of the month for this league.

## BETH ISRAEL

This month was dominated by Buzzy Labush. Buzzy set the new high single for

the league with an incredible 187 while averaging 127 for the month. A new high team single was posted by Brandeis as Arnie Elman, John Brennan, Al Izzo, Doug Mushnick, and Buzzy L. hit for 603 and then followed that with a 602 to prove it was no fluke. Navy with Al Ross, Gil Morse, Sy Port, and Bob Paige had a 599 team single. Kenny Indell is still leading in average with 128 as he had a 162/425 month. Steve Tippe is averaging 124 and his best this month was a 148/393. Bob Parker is currently moving along with a 122 average as he hit for 376. Izzy the caterer Yamuder is cooking pretty good as he is now averaging 120 and hit for 139/383. Sy Port managed a 154/385. Doug Mushnick had 137, John Brennan had 141, and Bill Snell with his 368 is attempting a comeback to last year's stats. Ken Indell leads the 150 club with six games over 150 and has had four series over 400 this season.



Buzzy Labush bowls for the Beth Israel duckpin league. His 187 single set a new record for the league. Buzzy was on fire the entire month with scores of 352, 391, 378, and 412. Currently averaging 123, this Buz saw has been a consistent bowler for the many years that he has been a congress member. Buzzy is this corner's choice for bowler of the month. Debit Class.

## BLOOM POKKAR

It finally happened: riding the crest of three 400 nights this month with scores of 141/399, 137/404, 157/424, 147/384 and 150/400, Duffy Giglio catapulted into the league lead in average with a 125 average which is two points better than Lou Rice at this writing. The Lead Pipes hold a one game lead over the Copper Kettles with three weeks to go in the first half. Steady bowling by the fearless foursome of Bernie Wexler, smiling Harry Portney, Speedking Harold Hurlich and also Speedy Sherwin Zaidman. Lou Rice had a 151/386 night, Neil Cohen also broke the 400 barrier with a 154/407. Jerry Bloom had a 144-385 month while BigHook Phil Greenberg had two 353 nights. Charlie Stern had 145/384, Max Tippe hit for 132/382, Herb Singer went 150/381, Neil Gouse 122/359, Joe Weisman 129/358, Paul Wilson 140/368, Stan Roberts 133/354, Emis Miller 118/323, Maurice Filler 115/326, Paul Finstein 147, 129 by Charlie Kilberg, Barry Gilstein and Phil Chopak each had 126 and Nate Altman had 121.

## UNDER 30'S COUPLES

High scores for the month for the men go to Bruce Gordon who bowled a 643 series with a high game of 233. Toodie McNichols is the star for the women taking the league high single with her great game of 212. Other notable scores were by Kathy Priest 140/361, Michele O'Neil 163/420, Eileen Rose 155/437, Harriet Wasser 166/459, Barbara Wallick 139/330, Kathy Conti 192/483, Sue Cutler 164/443, Carolyn Lawson 186/503, and Pauline Brehio who has a 74 average bowled a fine 123/336. Elliott Goldstein went 200/562, Harry Rose hit 208/561, Tony Conti had 167/454, Joe Miller had 184/476, Ricky the Independent Bloom had 175/496, Howie Wasser had 232, Jimmy Drape went 194 and Hank Priest chipped in with 187. Bruce and Allyn Gordon lead in average with 327 while hitting 386/1067 for the month. The Wassers have a 319 average and managed a 380/1006. Toodie and Bob McNichols also have a 319 average and hit for 378/963. Judy Slifka and Elliott Goldstein had a 362/965 series for the month.

## CONGRESS SCOREBOARD

HIGH AVERAGE SCRATCH-TENPIN			TENPIN SCRATCH HIGH THREE		
Len Varga	Bud Trinkle	199	Phil Levinson	Sinai	682
Bill McKiernan	Bud Trinkle	194	Dave Robinson	Beth El	676
Phil Levinson	Sinai	194	Bill McKiernan	Bud Trinkle	662
Dave Robinson	Beth El	190	Myer Jarcho	Beth El	662
HIGH AVERAGE HANDICAP-TENPIN			Barry Rotenberg	Beth El	655
Phil Levinson	Sinai	221	Len Varga	Bud Trinkle	655
Jeff Cutler	Beth El	215	TENPIN SCRATCH HIGH SINGLE		
Dave Robinson	Beth El	215	Dave Robinson	Beth El	278
Stan Turco	Sinai	214	Harry Rose	Beth El	277
HIGH AVERAGE COUPLES-SCRATCH			Larry Field	Sinai	265
Gordon's	Under 30's	327	Len Varga	Bud Trinkle	257
Gertz	RIJBC	326	DUCKPIN SCRATCH HIGH THREE		
Shaulson's	RIJBC	320	Steve Tippe	Beth Israel	462
Savaria	Lovin' Couples	320	Ken Indell	Beth Israel	456
HIGH AVERAGE COUPLES-HANDICAP			Len Schwartz	Castaways	442
Spigel's	RIJBC	429	Bob Parker	Beth Israel	439
Shapiro's	Lovin' Couples	426	DUCKPIN SCRATCH HIGH SINGLE		
Stearn's	Under 30's	422	Ron Chorney	Castaways	189
Demby's	RIJBC	420	Buzzy Labush	Beth Israel	187
HIGH AVERAGE SCRATCH-DUCKPIN			Mark Exter	Castaways	178
Ken Indell	Beth Israel	128	COUPLES DIVISION HIGH THREE		
Ron Chorney	Castaways	128	Bruce and Allyn		
Duffy Giglio	Bloom Pokkar	125	Gordon	Under 30's	1097
Syd Exter	Castaways	125	Tony and Kate		
Steve Tippe	Beth Israel	124	Palombo	RIJBC	1071
HIGH AVERAGE DUCKPIN-HANDICAP			Howie and Harriet		
Mark Exter	Castaways	157	Wasser	Under 30's	1041
Steve Tippe	Beth Israel	156	Jerry and Sheila		
Syd Exter	Castaways	156	Shaulson	RIJBC	1035
Bob Parker	Beth Israel	156	COUPLES DIVISION HIGH SINGLE		
Harry Keller	K.O.P.	155	Gordon's	Under 30's	442
			Wasser's	Under 30's	410
			Shaulson's	RIJBC	404

# Jews Confront the Eighties

BOSTON — Jewish college students and faculty from throughout the Northeast and Canada will gather in Boston from December 25 to 30th to discuss the challenges of the new decade in "Passages to the 80's: Confronting an Uncertain Jewish Dawn," the third annual Hillel Eastern Winter Institute (HEWI).

The Institute, completely planned and

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## Former CIA Official Warns Against Future Terrorists

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) thwarted a major assassination attempt against "a head of state of a friendly government" by terrorists 24 hours before it was due to be carried out. Ray Cline, former CIA deputy director, disclosed. He declined to identify the head of

state, saying only "it was a woman" and that the assassination attempt was made "a while ago" in New York. It was understood, however, that he referred to former Israel Premier Golda Meir who visited New York a few times during her premiership.

Cline made the disclosure in the course of a symposium on terrorism held by the Institute for Studies in International Terrorism and the Ralph Bunche Institute on United Nations at the New York City office at the State University.

The former CIA official warned that the present terrorist crisis in Iran is not "an accident." He said it is part of a larger pattern of Soviet strategy in the Mideast and Africa which supports terrorism in order to destroy U.S. influence in the Mideast and, as a result, cut American access to energy and other resources of the area.

For that purpose, Cline said, the Soviet Union has been using the Palestine Liberation Organization and "other terrorist organizations," supplying them with weapons and other forms of support. Soviet support of international terrorism "is a form of warfare" against the West, Cline charged.

Yonah Alexander, an expert on terrorism and director of the Institute for Studies in International Terrorism, warned that the implications of the Iranian crisis bode ill for the future. He said future terrorism will "be much more costly" and the terrorists will be using sophisticated technology, including the possible use of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons.

# Nationwide Actions for Ida Nudel

NEW YORK (JTA) — Actions on behalf of Ida Nudel, the "guardian angel" of Soviet Jewish Prisoners of Conscience who is now, herself, sentenced to exile in Siberia, took place December 10, in 80 cities across the country by Women's Plea for Soviet Jewry under the aegis of the Leadership Conference on National Jewish Women's Organizations.

In New York, "Reach Out" was the singular challenge in addresses to the New York Women's Plea. Some 200 organization delegates were conveyed by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry (GNYCSJ) and B'nai B'rith Women to rally wide public support for Nudel.

Rep. Jonathan Bingham (D. NY), the keynote speaker, emphasized, "All we are asking is that Ida Nudel be granted her rights under the Helsinki Final Act and the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights — both endorsed by the Soviet Union." As evidence of the Soviet Jewry's success potential, he pointed to the 50,000-plus emigration figure for 1979, which he termed a record total.

"But, this success must not cause us to lessen our efforts," Bingham said. "Soviet authorities know of our concern for Ida Nudel but we must make certain that they know our dedication to her and other prisoners will not waver until we see them stepping off the plane in Tel Aviv."

### New Restrictions Cited

This note of warning was reinforced vigorously by Margy-Ruth Davis, GNYCSJ executive director, who pointed to ominous signs of crack-down on future emigration by Soviet authorities. "1980 will be a pivotal year. Devious new Soviet policies — now in place — can set us back for years to come."

These new restrictions, she said, "would limit the chances of Soviet Jews even to apply for a visa by redefining the concept of 'family' to mean only first-degree relatives. This effectively foils the hopes of thousands of Jews who seek to emigrate for 'reunification.' Other threats include education-work contracts, restrictive visa office schedules and a vicious new policy of parent-child denunciations as prerequisites to application."

The "outreach" theme was echoed, also, by Velma Hill, assistant to the President of the United Federation of Teachers, who stressed the essential need for coalition between Jews and Blacks: "We must realize that our communities are not monolithic. The struggle for freedom does not stop at water's edge. We stand by the values that have held us together in our eternal commitment to freedom for all peoples."

In a show of solidarity, Women's Plea delegates marched to the gates of the United Nations where a message from Israel's UN Ambassador Yehuda Blum was read. The program concluded with a reading by Leona Chanin, chairwoman of the Leadership Conference from a letter by Ilana Friedman — sister of Ida Nudel: "I gain strength from you good Americans and so many good people the world over who press for Ida's release and her right to join me here in Israel."

### Soviet Embassy Rejects Appeal

In Washington, members of the Congressional Wives Committee for Soviet Jewry, a nationwide organization under the sponsorship of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry's Washington office, delivered a letter to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin at the Soviet Embassy on behalf of Nudel and other POCs. The letter was not accepted.

The written appeal expressed the Congressional Wives' sensitivity, as women, to the plight of "our 'sister' Ida Nudel who languishes now in exile in Siberia." The appeal added: "Although we also would seek to ease the suffering of others in prison . . . we are especially sensitive to the pain of Ida Nudel's ordeal."

The nationwide actions, in which the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council cooperated, marked the anniversary of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the observance of International Human Rights Day.

### Report On Shcharansky's Condition

In San Francisco, the Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry urged the Soviet Union to grant amnesty to Anatoly Shcharansky. Regina Waldman, director of the Bay Area Council, said "Shcharansky's name is synonymous with human rights." She said that recent reports from the USSR indicate that his health is rapidly deteriorating. According to his mother, Ida Milgrom, Shcharansky suffers from a constant state of fever and chills; has acute pains in his head, eyes and chest; has blurred vision; and has lost one-third of his body weight.

Specialists at the Chaim Sheba Medical Center in Israel have stated, Ms. Waldman reported: "Although the information available does not permit an accurate diagnosis . . . (the symptoms) are indications of severe organic disease . . . It is clear that the continuation of Shcharansky's imprisonment endangers his life."

In a related Human Rights Day action, Shirley Leviton, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, sent a telegram to the White

House urging President Carter to continue to speak out against oppression around the world. Noting that Human Rights Day "is especially poignant this year" when American citizens are being held hostage in Iran and thousands of children are suffering in Cambodia, she concluded: "The Holocaust of the 1940s as well as the current oppression of Jews in Syria, Ethiopia and the Soviet Union has taught us that silence encourages tyranny."

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# BRIDGE

By Robert E. Starr



Today's hand is another that should be made if only the Declarer would simply analyze it and realize that it really is simple if only two normal happenings are both normal. What it boils down to is that the Declarer only has to count his probable tricks and then has to do his best to insure them. If he does count he will come to eleven winners. There will also be three losers but ten is all he needs. Most Declarers didn't even manage to get those.

**North**  
 ♦ A 10 4  
 ♥ J 5 3  
 ♦ Q  
 ♠ A 9 7 5 3 2

**West**  
 ♦ K J 5  
 ♥ 9 8 7 4  
 ♦ A 7 5  
 ♠ J 8 4

**East**  
 ♦ Q 6  
 ♥ K Q 10 6 2  
 ♦ J 9 4 3  
 ♠ 10 6

**South**  
 ♦ 9 8 7 3 2  
 ♥ A  
 ♦ K 10 8 6 2  
 ♠ K Q

South was Dealer, neither side vulnerable with this bidding:

S	W	N	E
1S	P	2C	P
2D	P	4S	End

Not every South did open the bidding, their reasons being that old saying, they didn't like the hand. It certainly does fit the qualifications needed of twelve high card points and a five card suit. This hand even has two five cards suits. As soon as North hears his partner open one Spade he should feel that his side should definitely have a good play for at least game in that suit. The idea is to make it.

On the bidding every West led a Heart, East's 10 losing to Declarer's Ace. At trick two, as I watched eagerly, all sorts of things

happened. Some Declarers cashed their two high Clubs and then led two rounds of Trumps, playing the Ace first but West cashed his last high one and now there was no way to get to Dummy for the other Clubs.

Other Souths tried to cross-ruff the hand, which could work if they timed it correctly as the cards happen to be and the Defenders slip but if they handle themselves properly they can thwart this plan. And actually this isn't needed. All the Declarer has to do is try to count his tricks that are available to him. He has two eight card black suits which normally should break 3-2. If they both do he can count three Spade tricks and all six Club tricks. Also he can manufacture a Diamond for himself easily enough plus the Heart Ace. To me that adds to eleven but meanwhile to make the Trumps good two must be lost and the Diamond Ace is a third loser.

These ten tricks are there but how do we get them? After trick one, to be practical, first lose that Diamond Ace while maintaining the premise that both black suits will break normally. Probably a Heart will come back, anything else will make things easier. Ruff, cash the Diamond King, discarding the last Heart. And now the key, lose a Trump. This keeps control of the hand no matter what they return. They will be unlikely to play another Heart as that would give up a Sluff and Ruff but that would be their best play as you must do the unnatural and ruff in Declarer's hand to be able to go on with your plan.

Next cash the two high Clubs in South and now go to Dummy's Trump Ace. That will leave one high one out but now run the Clubs until someone ruffs one. As soon as they do the Dummy is all good and the hand is easily made. All you have to do is count on those two black suits breaking normally and govern yourself accordingly.

Moral: Always try to maintain control of the hand. Take the necessary steps.

## Arabs Deny Elon Moreh Land Sales

By David Landau

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Some 20 Arab landowners from the environs of Elon Moreh swore solemnly at a meeting with their mukhtar two weeks ago that they had not sold their lands to Jews. The ceremony followed Israeli press and radio reports to the effect that several dozen dunams of land had in fact been sold secretly, and that Jews — with the active involvement of Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon and the State Lands Authority which is under his jurisdiction — hoped to buy up a total of 20 dunams (50 acres). That size of tract would be sufficient, according to Jewish sources,

to sustain a settlement at Elon Moreh.

In light of the swearing ceremony, East Jerusalem newspapers published firm denials of the land-sales reports. But Jewish sources insisted, nevertheless, that the reports were true. They said the sales had not been recorded in the Land Registry as yet for fear of the vendors being murdered. (The sales would be valid even without registration.) Haaretz reported that the Treasury had earmarked IL 10 million to finance these purchases.

## Israeli TV to Stop 'Erasing' Color Transmission

By Simon Griver

The announcement by Communications Minister Yitzhak Modai that Israel Television will soon stop erasing the color from the programs that they transmit, may bring to an end the absurd situation that exists here.

Since television was introduced in Israel back in the late sixties, the broadcasting authority has been using color equipment. However, in order to discourage Israelis from buying color TV sets and thus boosting the export bill, government technicians devised a machine to erase the color. Consequently, with the exception of several spectacular extravaganzas, such as the recent Eurovision song contest and President Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem, viewers have only been able to receive black and white pictures.

### Anti-Eraser

But Metz Incorporated, an enterprising electronics company, had other ideas. Their talented technicians developed an "anti-anti-eraser" that reverses the effect of the government's eraser. For a time there have been rumors that the government was working on an "anti-anti-eraser" but Mr. Modai's statement will make this superfluous.

Soon, then, all imported shows (just under 50% of programs) will be broadcast in color and within nine months, the same will apply to all home produced shows. Yet in government circles, deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin, a fervent opponent of color television, demands a clear Cabinet decision for the change.

Nevertheless, a majority of the Cabinet, including deputy Prime Minister Ehrlich and Education Minister Hammer are known to be in favor of color TV. The fact is that because of the vast numbers of Israelis that own color TVs, any decision to prolong "erasing" would be politically inexpedient.

### The Psychology of Inflation

The amazing thing is that so many Israelis have been able to afford color sets. Even at the formidable price of around \$2,000, they have been selling like hot cakes in the past few years. Even the large 26" screen TVs, at closer to \$3,000, have been heavily in demand. It is estimated that Israelis own more than 100,000 sets. Metz electronics, whose "anti-eraser" gadget retails at \$100 have not been able to keep anywhere near this demand, have so far only manufactured and sold a few thousand of their devices. So all these thousands of Israelis who possess color televisions can only pick up Israeli TV in black and white!

But there is a method in their madness, for most Israelis can tune into the color

channels of Israel's Arab neighbors. In the South, Egypt, in the East, Jordan and now in the North, strife torn Lebanon's TV station has reopened. All these countries rely heavily on popular imported programs from America and Britain.

Furthermore, color televisions are seen as an investment and a hedge against inflation. Now that inflation is running at around 100%, Israelis have embarked on a massive shopping spree. This is a classic economic syndrome when hyper-inflation strikes. Bank notes are undesirable because they are rapidly losing their value but hard goods will keep pace with inflation. The more expensive a commodity, like a color TV, the more bank notes it disposes of. Unfortunately this mad rush for goods triggers off a vicious circle, for so much consumption merely increases inflation.

But what can the government do? They have erased the color from their transmissions and trebled the price of sets through taxation. Finally — they seem to have thrown in the towel — a victory for the people but a setback in the war against inflation.

### New Commercial Channel?

For the television industry the future looks bright. With the coming of color and the government's commitment to set up a second commercial channel in the next few years, Amcor, an Israeli company that imports TVs from West Germany, estimates that another 100,000 color TV sets will be purchased in the next two years. If this projection is accurate, then in 1981 one-third of Israeli households will have a color TV.

Metz electronics with their "anti-eraser" device have not given up the fight. . . . It seems that this long running Israeli comedy has been bought by some of her Mediterranean neighbors. Both the Cypriot and Greek television authorities have copied the Israeli lead and started erasing the color from their broadcasts. So Metz electronics has moved into the export market and have already sold well over a hundred of their "anti-erasers" to Greece.

### How Much Freedom?

Meanwhile, here in Israel, attention has been focused on more serious matters, like the unsatisfactory relations between the TV management and staff. This has already led to a decision by newscasters to black out TV for a few minutes because the Director, Tommy Lapid, refused to allow a broadcast by West Bank Mayors, which he said gave a platform to the P.L.O. This particular row was patched up but there seems to be much difference of opinion over the degree of freedom which should be allowed or encouraged by Israeli TV in a country both free and democratic and still given to grave security problems.

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**Behind the Scenes**

# Vestiges of Jewish Culture Linger in China

By Joseph Polakoff

In 1946, the year after the end of World War II, perhaps as many as 40,000 Jews lived in China. Mainly engaged in commerce and industry — and a considerable number in cultural pursuits, particularly music — more than half were in Shanghai and the remainder mostly in Tsientsin and Harbin, the latter a major point of entry for Jews who fled from Hitlerism via the trans-Siberian railway into China.

Today, Jewish landmarks are almost completely non-existent. Among the estimated 900 million Chinese, perhaps a dozen identifiable Jews remain. Of these, the American Joint Distribution Committee assists five elderly Jews in Shanghai and a woman in Canton. Other Jews include several in the Chinese government service in Peking and some with Chinese spouses who reportedly are not recognized as Jews.

In the Chinese government is Israel "Eppi" Epstein, a native of China who emigrated to Canada and returned to China. He is in the Foreign Language Press in Peking, as is Sidney Shapiro. Others are Solomon Adler, who was a U.S. Treasury representative in Chungking during World War II, and David Kruk, a teacher in the Foreign Language Institute.

Present in China are young American Jews such as Tom Gold, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a Harvard exchange scholar in Shanghai, and Margo Landman, of New York, who teaches English at the university near the industrial city of Tsientsin. Violinist Isaac Stern gave concerts in Chinese cities last summer. The historian Barbara Tuchman became a leading authority on Sino-American relations during World War II.

Numerous Jews visit the People's Republic of China as tourists and as specialists in their fields, such as social work and medicine. Of some statistical interest is that this past summer the first tour organized by a Washington travel company founded and directed by a Chinese, consisted of a group of 20 Americans in which there were 11 Jews, including this correspondent. A gastronomical element is that two of them stuck grimly to vegetables in a determined effort to be as kosher as possible. Three others avoided pork, which was a staple at every meal in some form.

**Jews 1000 Years Ago**

Jews are known to have lived in China more than 1000 years ago. Yale Oriental Professor Kenneth Scott Latourette in his book, "The Chinese - Their History and Culture" published in 1943, mentions Jews three times. "In the ninth century," wrote Latourette, "we hear of Nestorian Christians, Jews, Moslems and Persians in Canton." Reporting foreign influence of that period, Latourette noted that "Jews there were in China of the T'ang (dynasty) but probably few in number and all merchants. The Jewish community in Honan which disappeared only in our own day was of much later origin."

Foreign merchants, Latourette wrote, were encouraged to come to China. They seem mostly to have been Moslem Arabs. Many of them married Chinese women. A colony of Jews which has been finally absorbed into the surrounding population only in our own day built a synagogue at K'aifeng. Honan province is roughly halfway between Peking and Shanghai.

**Waves Of Immigration, Emigration**

After the Russo-Japanese War in 1905, some Russian Jews emigrated to China but the largest migration of Jews came with the rise of the Nazis to power in Germany. By 1939, almost half of Shanghai's Western population of about 60,000 was Jewish. Among them was the former Secretary of the Treasury W. Michael Blumenthal, whose parents brought him as a youngster from Berlin to escape the Nazis.

By 1949, nearly all the Jews had departed, many leaving behind businesses and industries with legal claims that are not yet settled. China had become embroiled in a bitter civil struggle and those of Western influence or origin were in jeopardy. But anti-Semitism as such apparently never existed in China and the casual tourist today detects none.

R.D. Abraham, Chief Rabbi of China, was quoted by the Jewish Student Press Service last May as saying in 1956 that "the government and people of China have for centuries been sympathetic and tolerant

towards our people. Never has there been anti-Jewish sentiment in China."

**No Trace Of Jewish Existence**

Today, the visitor to China finds virtually no trace of Jewish existence. In Shanghai, Arthur Rosen, a retired Foreign Service Officer who is now president of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations with offices in New York, has reported that there were three main synagogues — two Sephardic and one Ashkenazic with Russian congregants. In addition, a small Polish Jewish synagogue stood in the ghetto near Soochow Creek. Some halls, this correspondent was told on his visit, also were used for services on High Holidays and a Jewish school functioned in Seymour Road north of Nanjing (Nanking) Road, a principal artery. The Jewish Club, in the western section of Shanghai, is now a conservatory, it was said.

All that remains of these structures are traces of a Sephardic synagogue said to have been a magnificent three-story structure. It is now used for commercial storage. It is just off the Bund skirting the Huangpu River between the "Peace" Hotel and the Friendship Store in the heart of Shanghai. These traces consist of three seven-light candelabra on one pillar and a fourth on another beneath a round roof typical of Sephardic synagogal architecture. Gold, who accompanied some visitors to this site, said he heard there are remains of the synagogue in Shanghai's Huqui Road but he has not seen them.

China's cultural revolution that came in the wake of the civil war destroyed architectural manifestations of virtually all religious shrines. Among the few that escaped is the triple-towered French Catholic cathedral, locked and unused, that looms conspicuously in the Tsientsin landscape.

**Two Jewish Cemeteries Gone**

Shanghai had two Jewish cemeteries, but neither now exists. Miss Talitha Gerlach, a spirited octogenarian originally from Pittsburgh who has lived and worked in China since 1926, described to this reporter what happened to them. One is now the small triangular People's Park in Nanjing Road. This cemetery had existed since about 1849 near the north border of the British international settlement. "Bodies were buried three deep there," Miss Gerlach said, because it was a small plot and the Jewish people had no other place of their own."

The larger cemetery established after the large Jewish influx of the Hitler period, was "a little north" of the Blumenthal home whose address she gave instantly from memory as 59 Chusen Road in the area north and east of Soochow Creek. This ground no longer is used as a cemetery. Many of its gravestones, she said, have been moved to "another place." The Shanghai city government, she said, has the names that were on the stones.

"After liberation," Miss Gerlach recalled in speaking of the events after the present government took power, "the government cleared the cemeteries. Relatives with whom it was able to communicate were notified to instruct the committee in charge what to do with the bodies. An international cemetery was set up outside the city. The Y.M.C.A. had such a plot. If a family wants a body, it will be shipped anywhere."

Miss Gerlach said she is personally trying to trace the remains of a woman, Feige Freud, at the request of relatives. She died in July 1945. Her name was engraved on her tombstone in German and Hebrew along with the date of death.

Miss Gerlach, who has lived in Shanghai since 1930 when she came there to serve the Chinese Y.M.C.A. never left except for the period of the Sino-Japanese War. She now works for the China Welfare Institute.

**Contribution By Russian Emigrants**

Discussing the influence of Shanghai's Western population, she emphasized the contribution to the cultural life of the city, especially in music, by the Russian emigrants. There were no Chinese musicians in the original Shanghai municipal orchestra. "The members were all foreigners, she recalled.

Now, Chinese authorities proudly show off their music classes to tourists. Chinese youths play Western-type instruments and do exceptionally well with the violin, and, as tourists quickly learn, they delight in offering American and European melodies. It is

of special interest that the leading dance orchestra of the pre-war period for many years was led by violinist Henry Nathan (Nathanowitz) who came from Scranton, Pa.

Perhaps the most splendid of the many striking structures along Shanghai's Bund is the landmark Heping (Peace) Hotel that was

**Arab Villagers Hold Protest Rally**

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The residents of Dir el-Khatib village held a rally to protest the construction of a Jewish settlement at nearby Djebil Kebir. The army surrounded the village and set up roadblocks to prevent the mayors of other West Bank towns from joining the protest.

Earth-moving equipment continued to work on the access road to Djebil Kebir where the settlers from Elon Moreh are to be moved later this month. Elon Moreh is to be dismantled by order of the Supreme Court.

the acme of hotel architecture when it was completed in 1927 as the "Palace Hotel" by the famous British Jewish Sassoon family. The family's Shanghai mansion is now the King Kong Hotel. The Palace Hotel, with its pointed green roof of bronze, continues to be a showplace in Shanghai.

From its dining hall windows one looks out on the hundreds of cargo ships lining the Huangpu River. Once the most palatial hotel in the East, it has a dignity resembling those in Paris, London, Vienna and a few other European capitals. It was in the "Palace," one understands, that the Nathan Orchestra performed and Chinese guests savored the smooth musical flow of the period that Chinese youngsters now perform so well.

Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, chairman of the Ministerial Settlement Committee, said in the Knesset today that a large Jewish town would be built at Djebil Kebir "and will make a substantial contribution to peace." He promised that the evacuation of the Elon Moreh settlers would be orderly.

**Tree Planted For Nudel**

JERUSALEM (JIA) — A tree was planted last week in the "International Women's Forest" of the Jewish National Fund in lower Galilee in honor of Prisoner of Conscience Ida Nudel. Nudel is serving a sentence in Siberia.

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# Jewish Education Aspirin or Penicillin?

By Jacob Neusner  
Brown University

This is the fifth and final part of an address delivered by Professor Neusner at Temple Emanu-El, Providence.

I promised not to advocate but to analyze, not to answer old questions but to raise new ones, and above all, to make more complicated our thinking about Jewish education. If I have succeeded in doing so, what will be the result for this congregation?

My conclusion is in two parts. First of all, I want Temple Emanu-El to take pride in, to take seriously, its own achievements. I believe that parent education and adult education programs here are models for American and Canadian Jewry. We Americans, including American Jews, tend to be excessively self-critical, and not to appreciate what we actually accomplish. Others in the Jewish world boast a great deal and tell us we are second-class citizens; we are at the periphery and they are at the center; we are peripheral and they are central. That may be so in other terms. But in terms of which we speak, I do not think we have to be ashamed. Does it do harm once in a while to admit that something we do is worthwhile?

Second, I want to suggest that the members of Temple Emanu-El undertake a fresh look at what they want to achieve through schools. The freedom and experimentation of the adult education program, the engagement of the members as teachers, the self-evident commitment of a substantial portion of the congregation to the adult institute — these should not be ignored. For they bear heavy implications for the afternoon and Sunday school program for young people.

Is it not time to ask whether a totally fresh, radically new beginning is not possible in our approach to the nurture of our children in Torah? Is it not time to think

about the unthinkable, about the possibility that they very scheduling of schooling is not a closed question, that after school is not the only time or the best time for educational nurture? Is it not conceivable that we may rethink our entire program of education, taking account of the whole of a child's life, his or her leisure-time activities in sports, his or her vacation time, his or her summers?

We assume that the child starts going to classes at one age. Is it not possible that we should make it equally routine for children of a given age to go together to study and work in the State of Israel? We assume that the goal is teaching Hebrew. But is grade four or five the best time, when a summer in the State of Israel in grade seven or eight will accomplish three or four years of work in eight weeks? We assume our children spend their whole formative years in American public schools or day schools. Is it not possible that ninth or tenth graders routinely will spend a year in the school in the State of Israel? I stress the Israeli resources for American Jewish education because I believe they have been virtually ignored, despite all that has been done and is being done. I say "virtually ignored" because I conceive of a potential which we have not yet begun to realize.

If Ramah is good, then should not all children go to Ramah, just as all children go to Hebrew school, in the normative pattern of education? If youth groups are good, then should not all children be encouraged to participate? And should not their participation register as part of their educational progress, even though it is not measurable?

These are only a few of the questions I think we should confront. Behind them all is a single proposition, with which I close: It is now time to rethink the entire institutional base, the entire formal structure, the entire curriculum, the entire educational

pattern, which, all together, we call "Jewish education." I think it is time to begin afresh, as if there were no institutional establishment of classrooms, curricula, textbooks, teachers, bureaus of Jewish education, and the like. I think it is time to think about our goals without reference to the

formal structure, the curriculum and established pattern, of the past forty or fifty years. I believe the rethinking of the most fundamental aspects of Jewish education will lead to the revitalization not only of Jewish education but of ourselves as Jews.

## 'Jewish Defense' Members Attack 'New Right' Meeting

PARIS (JTA) — Some 100 members of a "Jewish Defense Organization" attacked a symposium organized by France's "New Right." More than 20 of the 1000 delegates to the "Research and Study Group for a New European Civilization" were injured, four of them seriously according to police. Eleven of the Jewish activists were also injured in the violent clash.

The "New Right" is a loose movement of right-wing intellectuals and senior government aides which advocates a return to "Aryan sources and purity" and promotes an elitist view of the world. Paradoxically, most New Right spokesmen profess pro-Israel views.

The 1000 delegates had begun their symposium in the Congress Center near the Etoile when a group of some 100 Jewish ac-

tivists entered the building. Most of them wore motorcycle helmets and carried improvised shields and steel bars. A violent fight ensued as the right wing delegates armed themselves with chairs, tables and fire hoses. A small group of Jewish activists who had previously infiltrated the meeting hall joined in the fray.

Police arrived after the fighting ended and the Jewish activists had left the site. There were no arrests. The International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism announced that it had lodged a formal complaint with the State Attorney charging that the right wingers had assaulted the Jewish activists. Philosopher Alain de Benoist, leader of the New Right, lodged a counter-complaint with police, charging the activists with "practicing fascist and neo-Nazi tactics."

## Greenberg Says U.S. Needs Tougher Terrorist Policy

NEW YORK (JTA) — Maxwell E. Greenberg, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, claimed that the seizure of hostages at the American Embassy in Teheran might have been averted had the U.S. and the world reacted promptly when Iranian students invaded the Israeli Embassy in Teheran three months ago.

"The world stood mute three months ago when confronted with violations of diplomatic quarters and staff — the takeover of the Israeli Embassy on the first day of the Khomeini regime," the Los Angeles attorney told some 200 ADL leaders at the agency's national executive committee.

"Earlier strong action against the Palestine Liberation Organization

lawlessness and violations of diplomatic immunity might have deterred the PLO-trained Iranian students from taking American citizens as hostages in defiance of law, morality and American power," Greenberg contended.

Similarly, he said, "There was no outcry last August when the Egyptian Ambassador was kidnapped by the PLO in Ankara; no international resolutions when the American Ambassador to Sudan was murdered by the PLO and none when the U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon was kidnapped and killed." He declared that "All forms of terrorism — as manifested by the PLO, the Ku Klux Klan, the Baader Meinhof Gang, the Japanese Red Army, and in nations such as Argentina and Syria — must be fought wherever they appear."

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By Sylvia Porter



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ITEM: If you must drive someone in a wheelchair, you'll find it easier to pull the wheelchair into the back seat of a two-door car than a four-door because there is no door post to get in the way. Also poor construction and slow service plague wheelchair owners just as they do owners of cars, so make friends with the nearest bicycle repair shop. This shop often can do a fast and efficient repair job.

ITEM: If you have trouble grasping doorknobs, you will find they can be turned easily if you put heavy rubber bands or the nonslip strips that are used in bathtubs

around them. And if bending is difficult for you, long-handled barbecue tools will make it easier for you to use a conventional broiler, while putting a baking sheet underneath a cake pan or baking dish will make it easier to pull the pan or dish from the oven.

ITEM: If your hands are weak and it's tough for you to hold vegetables steady for peeling or cutting, drive two stainless steel nails about one inch apart through a cutting board from below. The nails will hold the produce firmly.

All these useful tips and many, many more are in the recently published "The Source Book for the Disabled" (Paddington Press;

## Attempted Halt of 'Praying for Time' in Pennsylvania

•PHILADELPHIA (JTA) — Jack Litz, a Philadelphia attorney who is national action chairman of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, filed a complaint here last Friday for a temporary injunction against the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to stop production of the television film "Praying for Time," starring Vanessa Redgrave as Auschwitz survivor Fania Fenelon. The British actress has become controversial because of her outspoken support for the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The film is based on the life experiences of Fenelon, a musician who was forced to play in the Auschwitz orchestra which provided background music while prisoners were being marched to the gas chambers.

In a telephone interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Litz said that on Oct. 23 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entered into an agreement with Syzygy Productions, Ltd. of New York, an independent company that is filming the movie for CBS. The agreement gave Syzygy permission to film at Ford Indian Town Gap, a military base owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Litz said the basis for the complaint, that was filed on behalf of the JWV of the U.S. and Pennsylvania Department of the JWV, is that the Commonwealth did not comply properly with the Administrative Code that requires specific signatures on such an agreement. The signatures of the Governor and of the General Services Administration are missing, he said.

Although the Commonwealth has received many letters of protest and has acknowledged that its decision was con-

troversial, the agreement was signed. The agreement includes the phrase: "Whereas the parties hereto recognizing that this film project may engender some controversy are willing to carry out the terms and conditions of this agreement notwithstanding such controversy."

Litz said that the agreement allowed public land to be used by a for-profit agency with no compensation to the Commonwealth. Production of the film has been underway for the last three weeks and Redgrave has been on location.

## Argentina to Buy Arab Oil

BUENOS AIRES (JTA) — The Economic Ministry announced that Argentina will fill its oil needs from Iraq and Saudi Arabia rather than from Ecuador, Venezuela and Mexico, the Latin American sister republics that have provided the country with crude oil in the past. Oil comprises about seven percent of the country's imports.

The announcement was made following the visit here of an Arab economic delegation representing both the moderate and "rejectionist" Arab states. Their mission was to stimulate trade with Argentina, especially food products which the Arab countries need to import. The delegation met with Economic Minister Jose Martinez de Hoz and other officials. According to press accounts, Middle East political problems were not discussed.

It was disclosed, meanwhile, that Argentina will seek eventual self-sufficiency in oil. The State-owned petroleum company, YPF, will receive large credits to explore locally for new oil sources.

hard cover \$15.95, soft \$9.95). The book is edited by Glorja Hale, who, among her activities with the disabled, started the first 4H group for handicapped children and worked with the New England Telephone Co. to develop special teaching aids.

Of the other six contributors two are themselves disabled and thus know from personal experience what life is like not only for the elderly, the handicapped and those with temporary disabilities but also for their families and friends.

It's imperative for all of us to realize that a disabled child is more like than unlike any other child. This disabled child has the same needs for play as any other child, but research has shown disabled children tend to have fewer outings and toys than normal children. Concerned parents and friends may understandably feel that a handicapped child is less able to play — when in fact, what he needs is stronger encouragement to do so. A disabled infant, for instance, needs to be moved to different rooms and given different toys to grasp — things he could do himself if he could move easily alone. Also, it's essential to know how to:

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Your common stocks all are perfectly decent and should be held. They should, through rising dividend payments, continue to give you significant inflation protection. Your Treasury Notes, municipal bonds, savings certificates and accounts will not, of course. If I were you, I would start moving from these to good common stocks in 1980. You can add to some of your present smaller holdings. For "new faces," try Diamond Shamrock, 4 Exxon, and IBM, all NYSE-listed.

# ADL Reports Increase in Assaults Against Jewish Institutions in 1979

NEW YORK (JTA) — Assaults against Jewish institutions, cemeteries, houses of worship and private property have more than doubled this year compared to 1978, according to a national audit conducted annually by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The findings revealed 129 reported incidents in 1979, against 49 in 1978. The inci-

dents include desecrations, swastika daubings, anti-Jewish graffiti, arson attempts and firebombings. Of the 129, 51 were attacks upon homes and stores owned by Jews, the ADL said.

According to Nathan Perlmutter, ADL's director, the 1979 figure is the second highest since the worldwide swastika epidemic which began in Cologne, Germany, at the end of 1959 and triggered 810 anti-Jewish incidents in this country during 1960 and 170 incidents in 1961. During the rest of the 1960's and through 1977, the average anti-Jewish episodes per year was about 45.

The ADL audit is based on reports gathered by the ADL's fact-finding and research departments through its 27 regional offices throughout the country. Perlmutter pointed out that since some incidents go unreported, the total is higher than the audit shows.

### Breakdown by States

The report revealed that the largest number of 1979 incidents, 38, occurred in New Jersey. New York State was next with a total of 26; California had 15; Massachusetts, 14; Arizona, 11; Florida, seven; Michigan and Nebraska, four each; Kansas, three; Indiana and Rhode Island, two each; Connecticut, North Carolina and Oklahoma, one each.

Perlmutter noted that the increased manifestations of anti-Semitism corresponded with the U.S. Justice Department's report of a 450 percent increase in racially-motivated vandalism over a six-month period this year as measured against all of 1978. The ADL made public last month a comprehensive report on the Ku Klux Klan which revealed an increase in membership, activities and violence.

Perlmutter said that the acts of hostility directed against Jews and Blacks are symptoms of a general social malaise, "exacerbated and exploited by bigots seeking to scapegoat history's classic scapegoats." He also attributed the increase in these forms of crime to "the sense its perpetrators have of softness in our criminal justice system." He pointed out: "sad experience has taught Jews that in troubled periods like today's, the discontented and frustrated are prey for the hardcore bigots."

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But don't forget that going into the rental business means that you are responsible for maintenance, repairs and for solving any problems (which usually arise) in regard to the rented property. Consider carefully whether you have the time, practical skills, and temperament for this job.

From a long-term viewpoint, I think you would be wise to sell the second house and invest the proceeds in a portfolio of attractive growth stocks. The common shares of major companies are selling at very conservative levels in terms of historical price-earnings ratios. However, it would be wise to delay selling until mortgage conditions improve and the real estate market strengthens. You can probably get a better price for your house at that time.

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# Vietnamese Employed as Israeli Cooks

By Sybil Zimmerman

A large silver tray is pulled onto the wood counter. He quickly and deftly slices lettuce then cuts orange pieces in crescents to put on the bed of lettuce; he spoons on stuffed tomatoes with mushrooms and peas, ladles on spinach, fresh carrots and green beans. Turning quickly, he adds the meat which has been grilling behind him. To the waiter he explains which is medium rare and which is rare (the tray is an order for two).

He places a plate in the microwave oven. Three waiters arrive at once to give orders — partially in English, partially in Hebrew. He rushes to the refrigerator in another room to get meat, re-reads the orders and continues.

This is presumably the work of some kind of cook — and the scene is indeed the Twelve Tribes Grill Room of the Tel Aviv Sheraton Hotel. Center stage is Ly-Van-Tuyen, otherwise known as Tuy (pronounced too-ee). He is the 22-year-old Vietnamese Chef of the Grill Room.

Walk through the back kitchen areas, past the pastry room to the meat section of the main kitchen which services the KumKum Dining Room. Behind the counter cheerfully receiving orders, grilling steaks, shuffling French fries in deep-fry baskets, arranging vegetables artistically on plates, placing chicken on another plate is Tuy's cousin, 28-year-old Vietnamese Duong-Hon Kim (known as Kim).

Tuy and Kim are two of the four cooks who found work at the hotel about a year and half ago.

#### Four Days Suffering

All four were part of an historic rescue mission. The Israeli freighter "Yuvali," on its way from Thailand to Japan, sighted a small fishing boat whose motor had broken down 15 miles off the Vietnamese coast on June 10, 1977. The 16 women, 20 children and 30 men were in a state of exhaustion, having had no food or water for four days. Their escape had been organized by Major Le Dinh Quy, a 36-year-old South Vietnamese marine and Dr. Tran Quan Hoa, a surgeon. Seventeen of the men were formerly fishermen. The refugees explained to

the Israeli crew that ships from East Germany, Norway, Panama and Japan had seen them, some even asking if they needed help, but all had sailed on. Taiwan refused them permission to land.

The "Yuvali" sailed on to Japan with the refugees aboard. After two weeks, 40 of the 66 expressed willingness to come to Israel. The Taiwan authorities, however, would only permit them to come ashore as long as the Israeli ship guaranteed their expenses while in Taiwan, agreed to fly them out as soon as possible, and agreed not to sail until the refugees had left.

Within three days arrangements were made and on June 26 the group arrived in Israel aboard a Lufthansa airline, having flown via Bangkok.

#### A New Life

For the first six months, the Vietnamese, who were given full immigrant status by the Israeli government, lived in an absorption center in the Negev town of Ofakim, 15 miles northwest of Beersheba, while they learned Hebrew and became accustomed to Israel. Since then, a few have left, a baby has been born and some have settled in Holon, near Tel Aviv.

In addition to Tuy and Kim, Nhut, who was captain of the boat, works in the cold kitchen of the Sheraton. Minh, his younger brother, works in the salad buffet. Neither were on duty this evening. Tuy explains that he was born in Vietnam of Chinese parents who had come to Saigon. His parents are still in Vietnam with eight of their children; another sister is in the States. After arriving in Israel, Tuy stayed in Ofakim for several months and while there he says he saw the name of the Sheraton in a newspaper and decided to come and look for a job.

Kim, who is officially known as Chef Saucier, came to the Sheraton with experience from the Intercontinental Hotel in Saigon. He explains that his friend, the doctor who was on the boat, suggested he come to the Sheraton to look for work. His parents are still in Vietnam, his sister is in Australia, his brother is in the U.S. His parents, too, are Chinese born and came to Saigon, where he was born, in 1945. Kim's wife is a waitress at the Tel Aviv Hilton.

They have two sons, 4 and 5 years old, and live in Azor, a small town 3 1/2 miles southeast of Tel Aviv and one mile from Holon. When Kim is not working, he repairs air conditioners, a vocation he studied for two years in Vietnam.

Tuy lives with his family. Both Tuy and Kim say they want to stay in Israel. "I have many friends, I love it here!" Tuy exclaims with a large smile, as the waiters standing around make small teasing remarks to him. Kim agrees. "I like Israel, there is good money, good work and good people."

#### International Atmosphere

When asked what he likes to eat best in Israel, Tuy laughs again and says "American club steak!" His family did farming in Vietnam and he brought some vegetable seeds with him, since they are used to eating pork, rice and vegetables. He found a plot of land near their apartment building and he is growing vegetables for himself and Kim's family and for the other Vietnamese families living nearby. As Kim and Tuy are being interviewed, all of the waiters gather around to listen, help out, joke and tease and it is obvious the Vietnamese are very well liked.

The hotel kitchen and dining rooms have quite an international atmosphere. Robert Hamm, the Swiss maitre d'hotel for the Grill room who has been in Israel just 2 1/2 years, started out in the pantry of the hotel two years ago. After one year he worked himself up to this position. How does he feel about the Vietnamese? He explains that when Tuy came, he trained with the Sous Chef for a week and then after only one month was promoted to Chef d'Grill. "Tuy has managed to raise the level of presentation of the Grill room to a level that has never been reached before!" he exclaims. Robert believes that Kim, Tuy, Nhut and Minh are among the best workers in the kitchen. "They are very work and quality conscious. There is something very delicate in the work they do and you know, cooks are temperamental, but with their Oriental politeness and good nature, they're easy to deal with."

#### Kosher — With Vietnamese Touch

The waiters in the Grill room are very

special. A primary requisite for working there is a very good command of English (and, I would add, a good personality). The service at the table is sophisticated; there are questions to answer about the menu, the sauces, the style of presentation and guests tend to spend a longer time dining in the Grill room than in other places (as long as three hours). Salads are mixed by the waiter at the table, some of the appetizers, entrees and desserts are also completed at the table on movable serving carts with gas burners. In general, there is a closer relationship established between the waiter and the customer.

Robert comments on the international quality among the 160 staff of the food and beverage department. All of the non-Israeli waiters, for example, are from English-speaking countries — England, South Africa, Rhodesia, the United States. In the kitchen one can find Israeli Arabs alongside workers from Sweden, China, Russia, the U.S. and Israel.

While Tuy prepares food for the Twelve Tribes Grill Room and Kim for the KumKum Dining Room, the kitchen also services the lobby lounge (which is a dairy delicatessen), room service and numerous special affairs in the banquet section.

Happy to say, the laughter and cheerfulness of the Vietnamese are adding a new dimension to kosher cooking at the Sheraton Tel Aviv.

## ★ Carter

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Arabia \$200 million in advanced munitions for delivery in 1980. These include lasers and cluster bombs and Sidewinder and Maverick missiles. Congress still has time to veto this program but indications are it will not try to do so.

Although Jordan has rejected the Camp David accords and propagandizes against entering the Egyptian-Israeli-American negotiations on autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza, King Hussein's government is earmarked to receive tanks that Saudi Arabia will buy for it. Jordan has already contracted to buy Centurion tanks from Britain. Analysts here said that the question emerging from these purchases is why Jordan is engaged in this buildup.

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### Israeli Accuses Belgium Slanders Israel

BRUSSELS (JTA) — Israel's Ambassador to Belgium, Itzhak Minerbi, accused Belgian information media, especially the State-controlled radio and television networks of distorting the truth and "systematically slandering Israel." Minerbi, addressing a meeting of the Belgian-Israel Friendship Society, said the Belgian media "are mixing in the same pot the victim and the aggressor, Israel and the terrorists." Former French Minister Daniel Mayer said France has marred its reputation "by having permitted the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini to live for months on French territory and conduct from there his anti-Shah campaign."

MEXICO CITY (JTA) — The Rene Cassin Human Rights Award was established here by the Central Jewish Committee and its bi-monthly

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# Penson Decries U.S. Aid to Soviet Drop-outs

NEW YORK (JTA) — Boris Penson, the internationally famed artist who was a former Prisoner of Conscience in the Soviet Union and who now resides in Israel, warned American Jewry "about a terrible danger which threatens my fellow Russian Jews" who "are now leaving Russia with visas for Israel and are going to other countries because they have been told by Soviet propaganda that Israel is a dangerous and poor country."

Penson, whose speech in Russian was translated into English, told some 2000 Jewish leaders from the United States and Canada at the United Jewish Appeal's 1980 National Conference "Convocation of Solidarity" at Lincoln Center, "I know all of you love our Israel and the last thing that you would want to do is to hurt Israel, but the sad fact is that, by offering housing and material help to noshrim (drop-outs), paying for tickets to America, and all kinds of resettlement benefits, the struggle to free Russian Jewry from spiritual slavery is turned into a tug-of-war over material rewards."

Continuing, Penson stated: "By this Israel is being forced to compete with the richest country in the world, something it just can't afford to do. And now, in the last six weeks our worst fears are coming true. The Russian government is stopping the emigration of many Jews. Almost no one in Odessa or Kharkov can get a permit to leave now."

"The Russians say the reason is that so many Jews are going to America and not to

be united with their families in Israel. They are investigating if a person really has a father or mother or wife or child in Israel. If they find out that the family is in America, they turn down the application.

"Do you understand what this means? It means that if you bring Russian Jews to America, their families will be condemned to stay in Russia, with no way to escape. I know that is not what you intend, in your generosity and goodwill, but you must know what it is now happening, and we must face responsibility for the results."

### Dropping Out A Second Time

Speaking of results, Penson declared: "You, the leaders of American Jewry, know very well what is happening in your communities to the Russian immigrants. They are becoming 'Americanized' very rapidly and are 'dropping out' yet a second time. This time they are dropping out from the Jewish people, something that is unforgivable and one day, when it is too late, whom shall we blame?"

Penson, who is on a tour of the United States under the auspices of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said he has learned that many American Jewish youth lack a strong Jewish consciousness and are intermarrying and assimilating "at a frightening rate. Some people call this 'The Silent Holocaust' — the loss of hundreds of thousands of Jews without a shot being fired, without a drop of blood being spilled." He warned that this time fate awaits the Soviet Jews "who in their ignorance, and with your good will and

help, have been attracted to come to America."

### Issue Of Freedom Of Choice

As to freedom of choice, Penson said he is in favor of that principle. "If a Russian Jew has the funds, either his own money or that of his relatives, then let him go where the money will take him," he stated. "Freedom of choice doesn't mean that American Jewry has to pay for his short-sighted decision. If a man wants to commit suicide, no one should help him." The same attitude should prevail "if a Russian Jew is committing cultural and religious suicide."

Penson pointed out that the future of Israel, its survival and prosperity, depends on massive aliyah from the Soviet Union. "In simple terms," he said, "the 65,000 Russian Jews now in America will grow to over 100,000 by a year from now — unless we do something to stop it. Do you realize what another 100,000 Jews could do in Israel? Do you realize what a great contribution has been made by the 165,000 Russian Jews who have come to Israel in recent years."

"My dear friends, in the name of the Prisoners of Conscience still rotting in Russian prison camps, in the name of Anatoly Shcharansky, in the name of Ida Nudel, in

the name of Vladimir Slepak, in the name of Yosef Mendelevitch, in the name of Iosif Begun, in the name of 165,000 proud Russian Israeli Jews, in the name of future generations of Jews who will be your judges, I beg that you stop this process, now."

Penson, who was tried in December, 1970 during the first Leningrad hijack trial and sentenced to 10 years at strict labor and released last April, recalled his long years in prison: "I think that all I can say is that I dreamed a dream during the miserable time

— that I and my chaverim (comrades) would one day be free to go to our Jewish homeland — Eretz Israel, Medinat Israel.

"We wanted to be free Jews, free to live a Jewish life, to be sure that our children would grow up as Jews and not become goyim. For our struggle some of us have died, but we were ready to die if necessary, to free ourselves and to free all our people in Russia. Truly a miracle has happened. With your help and struggle, and our sacrifice, the doors of Russia opened up, and over 160,000 Jews have made aliyah to Israel. They are precious to Israel, which needs them and wants them."

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